**POSITION TITLE:** Teacher, General Education

**POSITION REPORTS TO:** Program Lead, Bridging Programs

**DEPARTMENT:** Bridging and Preparatory Studies

**DIRECT REORTS:** Nil

**CAMPUS LOCATION:** Multi-Campus Institution

**POSITION NUMBER:**

**CLASSIFICATION:** Victorian TAFE Teaching Staff Agreement 2018

**LEVEL:**

**POSITION PURPOSE**

*To plan, develop and deliver the Foundation Skills education program in accordance with all safety, contractual and compliance obligations.*

*The Foundation Skills program is delivered to learners who are incarcerated at the Forensic Disability Services (FRS) site in Fairfield or live in supervised residential accommodation in Bundoora. Both are secure facilities are for men who have committed serious crimes and been deemed not suitable for mainstream prison due to their disabilities.*

**STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT**

**Internal:**

Manager

Program lead

Lead Teacher

Industry Specialists

Holiday program staff

Non-teaching staff

**External:**

DFFHS /FDS/FRS staff

Students

Advocates

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| **Melbourne Polytechnic Values** |
| **Welcoming**  We all belong. We welcome and appreciate diverse ideas, and we embrace differences. We are open-minded, kind and compassionate so that everyone feels valued and respected. We create safe spaces for every person to come with their whole self and achieve their full potential. When everyone feels supported, our community is a better place.  **Curious**  We have a passion for learning. Curiosity inspires us to be creative and find different ways of looking at the world. When we listen well and ask thoughtful questions, we learn more and can adapt well to change. Our enthusiasm for learning and sharing knowledge drives us to improve. We are open to, and respectful of, everyone’s experience and contribution. We seek out, and are receptive to, new skills and ideas. We find better ways of doing things that benefit our community.  **Collaborative**  We are better together. We support and empower each other as we work towards our shared vision. We achieve more when we share our work, ideas and solutions in a respectful way. We make it easy to connect and collaborate with each other, our students, industry and community.  **Accountable**  We all act with integrity. We hold ourselves to a high standard and are responsible for our actions. We take our role seriously and our vision informs every decision we make. In every interaction we are honest, respectful and fair. We deliver on our commitments to each other, our students, industry and community |

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Undertake a range of administrative, coordination and learning services activities directly related to the assigned program.
* Develop, maintain and evaluate student learning programs, projects and associated materials.
* Establish and maintain a learning environment that empowers and encourages students to take personal responsibility and is encouraging of them.
* Assist in securing and managing any work placement or vocational experience component connected to program delivery.
* Maintain and assist in the accurate recording of information in learners’ portfolios.
* Contact learners to discuss absence and to support their return to the classroom, wherever possible (timings of contact to be determined with line manager).
* Develop teaching resources and assessments that meet curriculum and contract requirements and client needs.
* Maintain accurate records of student attendance, progress and assessment in line with Melbourne Polytechnic and contractual requirements.
* Participate in classes and programs at times and days which best suit the learners’ needs, as negotiated with relevant program leadership.
* Provide pre-course advice to students and participate in the student selection, enrolment and induction processes.
* Assist with staff induction.
* Participate in the marketing and promotion of the courses delivered by the Bridging and Preparatory Studies department.
* Work within the quality systems, (including the Australian Quality Training Framework), prepare lesson plans, develop work units, communicate and maintain records to a high standard as required.
* Keeping informed of educational developments and related government policies that will affect program delivery in the area of General education and foundation programs or particular specialist areas or programs.
* Staying abreast of current thinking and of developments in technology that impact on the particular areas of expertise.
* Identify, create and participate in professional development relevant to teaching and the maintenance of vocational currency.
* Actively participate in staff meetings, ongoing curriculum development and other relevant professional development activities.
* Work within the framework of Melbourne Polytechnic’s policies, procedures and legislative/regulatory requirements.
* Maintaining up-to-date knowledge of Institute Occupational Health and Safety requirements and Anti-Discrimination, Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement policies and guidelines.

**KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES**

* Work with Program Leaders and Managers to set and achieve teaching objectives.
* Communicate and co-operate with colleagues in team teaching and other situations, including research of mentoring models.
* Participate and work with department team members in validation and moderation sessions with other providers and/or industry.
* Provide leadership in specialist areas within the assigned department.
* Support other teachers and team-members in the site or program by cooperative teaching, creating excursions, planning incursions or supporting learners to learn from group-projects.
* Provide authoritative advice to stakeholders in relation to learning needs of students and training needs of employers.
* Communicate regularly with the Program Leaders and other staff within the DFATS programs to establish a flexible team environment and consistency in resource and delivery strategies.
* Conduct required pre-training assessment reviews and assessment requirements connected to contract delivery for the program/s.
* Liaise with industry contacts, networks and learning communities.
* Assist in the development and maintenance of quality assurance processes in relation to program and course administration, design, delivery assessment and evaluation of training materials.
* Embrace new technologies and innovations and Identify and implement continuous improvement strategies.

**KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

* A relevant qualification in Education with a literacy, maths or special education specialization.
* TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (or its successor), or a diploma or higher-level qualification in adult education.
* International Police Check (if relevant).
* Demonstrated understanding of adult learning principles, teaching methodologies and a demonstrated high standard of teaching practice; and a commitment to learner-centred teaching.
* Proven capacity to plan, schedule and meet agreed deadlines in the completion of duties and to work both productively, individually and within a team and to have the capacity to liaise with the Manager regarding student and case management issues.
* Well-developed teaching skills including the ability to select and use a wide range of teaching and assessment strategies appropriate to diverse needs of the student group together with demonstrated effective student management skills.
* Demonstrated capacity to initiate and implement change and innovation in response to emerging needs and priorities in the department environment.
* Demonstrated high level interpersonal skills and an exemplary professional approach when interacting together with excellent written and oral communication skills.
* Demonstrate capacity to network, explore and develop partnerships to increase student engagement and opportunities during and post studies.
* Demonstrate knowledge of and commitment to Occupational Health and Safety, Anti-Discrimination, Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement.
* Previous experience teaching in a prison or secure detention facility – desirable.
* Current Working with Children Check (Employee) – mandatory.
* Current National Police Check – mandatory.

**OTHER POSITION RELATED INFORMATION**

* **Delegation of Authority** – MP’s Delegation of Authority Policy outlines the decision-making authority of this role.
* **Child Safety** – Melbourne Polytechnic (MP) is a child safe organisation, as such all employees, volunteers, contractors and service providers are required to promote a culture of child safety, comply with Child Safety laws and reporting obligations of suspected child abuse per institute Child Safety policy and procedures. All employees are required to hold and maintain a current Working with Children Check Clearance for the duration of their employment.
* **Occupational Health, Safety & Wellbeing** - The table below, is a compilation of summarised Responsibilities for this role in accordance with MP’s Health, Safety and Wellbeing management System (HSWMS). Other specific responsibilities are incorporated into MP Policy and Procedures where they vary from this.

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| ROLE | RESPONSIBILITIES | |
| Management | * Ensure activities comply with *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*, *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* 2017 and includes but is not limited to:   + Implementing Health, Safety and Wellbeing risk management activities (e.g. hazards identification, inspections, incident reporting including near misses) and any local specific measures required to eliminate or reduce risk in their area.   + Providing safe plant, equipment, facilities and processes that are adequately maintained and do not adversely impact the health or wellbeing of staff, students and others.   + Providing instruction, information, induction, training and supervision to enable work to be carried out safely.   + Ensuring workers are fit for work and manage fitness for work issues.   + Implementing corrective or remedial actions identified as a result of hazard/incident reports, incident investigations and/or audits.   + Monitoring and reviewing the Health, Safety & Wellbeing performance of their Portfolio/Department and direct reports (e.g. via HSW audits and other applicable performance indicators). * Promote compliance with the HSWMS and strive towards continual improvement * Support other managers to demonstrate leadership in their areas. * Develop, lead and promote a culture in their area of responsibility.      * Fulfil their responsibilities defined in the MP Workers Compensation and the Return to Work Program. | |
| Employees Students and Others | | * Take reasonable care for their own Health, Safety and Wellbeing and that of others. * Implement remedial actions and control measures within their control that are established for the purposes of health, safety and wellbeing. of others * Comply with any reasonable instruction of MP and its Management. * Comply with the relevant Health, Safety & Wellbeing Policies and Procedures, including reporting of hazards or incidents in line with the incident reporting procedure. * Fulfil other responsibilities as required to ensure a safe working environment. |

**Sign Off:**

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| **Employee Signature** |  | **Manager Signature** |  |
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