

### Details

Area	Faculty of Health
Team	School of Health and Social Development
Location	Warrnambool
Classification	Level B
Reports to	Discipline Lead

### Deakin

Deakin is a Victorian university with a global impact. We are agile and innovative, and committed to making a positive impact through our excellence in education and research and the contributions we make to the wider community.

Our reputation has been built on the dedication and expertise of our staff. We offer a dynamic, diverse and inclusive working environment with opportunities to grow and develop careers. We believe that a progressive, thriving culture will ensure people choose to come, and stay at Deakin and contribute to our ongoing success.

As one of Australia's largest universities, Deakin has strong global linkages, world-class research and an education portfolio that blends the best of campus and digital delivery into a highly supportive and personalised student experience.

We offer outstanding education founded on the experience we create for our learners and guided by graduate outcomes for successful lives and careers. We undertake globally significant discovery research that benefits our communities through the innovative translation of our ideas into new services, products, policies and capabilities.

Deakin campuses sit on Wadawurrung, Wurundjeri, and Eastern Maar Countries, and the University acknowledges, values and deeply respects its connection with the Traditional Custodians and Elders past and present of these lands and waterways. Deakin is the most popular university destination in Victoria for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and has a rich history of supporting the ambitions of First Nations students, including through the NIKERI Institute (formerly the Institute of Koorie Education).

Deakin aspires to be Australia's most progressive university, with the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion underpinning our approach to education, research, employability, digital delivery, innovation, and partnerships for impact. Our vision is for an inclusive environment where we value and celebrate diversity, embrace difference and nurture a connected, safe and respectful community. We want Deakin to be a place where all staff and students feel included and respected for their unique perspectives and talents.

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### Overview

The Faculty of Health is dedicated to being at the forefront of teaching, learning, creating and social development and fostering cutting-edge research and discovery. The School of Health and Social Development places high emphasis on research that makes a difference and is solution-led. We work closely with industry partners and the government to put findings into practice.

Deakin University has been providing outstanding undergraduate occupational therapy education since 2001 from the Geelong Waterfront campus. The Bachelor of Occupational Therapy pass stream and the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy Honours stream have successfully been accredited by the Occupational Therapy Council of Australia and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. The Lecturer will contribute to high quality teaching across the course, undertake research, and publish in high quality journals.

As an integral member of the Occupational Therapy teaching and research team, the role of the Lecturer, OT Clinical Educator, Education-focused Academic is to support students integrate theory and practice and to develop their identity as an emerging occupational therapist within a professional practice context. The role will involve providing professional clinical supervision in a range of placement settings and being the university's point of contact who liaises with students, on-site supervisors, and agencies. In addition the role will involve student assessment while on placement and input to teaching and marking in units across the course

Reporting to the Discipline Lead will:

- Maintain deep discipline knowledge which is applied to inform unit design
- Liaise with, and provide oversight and support for students, on site supervisors, particularly where there are issues with placement, or a critical incident occurs
- Identify new placement opportunities which meet the learning needs of Deakin occupational therapy students
- Adopt new innovation in curriculum design at the unit level including integrating industry, clinical and/or research practice to teaching
- Deliver learner-centric, research-informed teaching practices across different levels / modes of delivery and apply creative teaching practices to improve student success and engagement
- Contribute to the moderation and maintenance of academic standards, and the development of course and unit curriculum that exemplifies Deakin's curriculum framework, and meets external requirements such as the Higher Education Standards Framework and professional accreditation

### Accountabilities

#### *Education and Employability*

- Lead unit teaching teams and work collaboratively with other unit teaching teams in the course to develop effective unit curricula and learning resources (including through unit leadership roles).
- Contribute to the review of units and courses and implement refinements.
- Assist in applying industry, clinical and/or research practice into student learning experiences, success, engagement and resources.

- Adopt innovation in curriculum design at the unit level and deliver learner-centric, research-informed teaching practices across different levels / modes of delivery.
- Maintain deep discipline knowledge which is applied to inform unit design.
- Design collaborative learning opportunities at the unit level. Support diverse learners by designing accessible and inclusive unit material and practices.
- Develop effective assessment tasks and rubrics at unit level. Provide clear assessment criteria and timely feedback to learners to demonstrate learning outcomes. Monitor and adapt assessment practices to improve learning outcomes.
- Provide academic support to students within units and guide students to appropriate support services where appropriate.
- Contribute effectively to a culture of educational excellence and engage collaboratively with peers. Build teaching and learning capability related to discipline or pedagogy and effective unit teaching teams and support the professional development of junior colleagues.
- Assist in integrating new pedagogical research across all aspects of education. Advance knowledge within their specific fields/areas of teaching, scholarship and pedagogical research activity.
- Contribute to discipline-based educational or pedagogy research projects and demonstrate an emerging reputation in teaching scholarship and pedagogical research.
- Complete the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Learning and Teaching as determined by the Head of School.

### *Research and Innovation*

- Support, and may lead, applications for research and creative activities, including applications for external competitive funding, external funding for commercialization and translation activities and other funding demonstrating sustained efforts.
- Build a national reputation, based on a growing, focused body of work recognised for quality, excellence and impact and a growing track record of timely delivery of outcomes for industry partners.
- Initiate, design, conduct and may lead intra and inter-disciplinary research collaborations, to enable major breakthroughs in knowledge and understanding and solutions to complex problems.
- Initiate, design, conduct and may lead in development of industry partnerships and collaboration to enable major breakthroughs, innovative solutions for future translation into real world impact.
- Initiate, design, conduct and may lead innovation and translation into policies, frameworks, strategy, generation of products, services, new ways of operating, priority setting and or other innovations with positive impact and national recognition. Demonstrate timely and sustained delivery of commercialisation and translation outcomes.
- Supervise and or examine honours and/or HDR students with timely completions and productive, high-quality outcomes and provide effective mentoring to HDR students to support professional and career development and employability.
- Adopt and promote a culture of research excellence, innovation and impact and support industry partnerships that provide HDRs with industry experience and establish/expand industry networks to create opportunities for placements.
- Communicates outputs to discipline(s) and the community and ensure impact of academic activity in the field and the community ·

### *University Citizenship and Engagement*

- Assist the implementation of local citizenship activities and contribute to effectiveness as influencer.
- Contribute to the implementation of specific aspects of University's strategic agenda.
- Contribute to the implementation of University's community engagement agenda.
- Academics with an industry or clinical background will assume an increasingly important role in professional activities and contribute to innovation in education within the relevant profession.

### **Selection**

#### *Qualifications and experience*

- PhD in a relevant discipline and/or other relevant qualifications and experience
- At least five years' experience in occupational therapy practice including being a clinical educator
- Excellent record of scholarly learning and teaching in UG and/or PG programs, including innovative curriculum design
- Current registration with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Emerging reputation in research and scholarship through publications and/or success in obtaining external research funding
- Demonstrated passion for teaching and learning
- Ability to deliver effective teaching practices to improve student success and engagement
- Emerging record of scholarly learning and teaching in postgraduate or undergraduate programs
- Ability to contribute to communities through research
- Capacity to contribute to leadership of research and administration.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and a proven ability to establish good working relationships with colleagues.
- Demonstrated passion for teaching and learning.
- Ability to deliver effective teaching practices to improve student success and engagement.
- Knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and contemporary issues related to First Nations Peoples

### **Capabilities**

- **Emotional Intelligence** manages emotions to positively influence behaviour.
- **Communicates** engages others through persuasive and influential communication.
- **Collaborates** cultivates collaboration across Deakin, strives for shared outcomes, builds partnerships.
- **Innovates** creates an environment where creativity and innovation are valued.
- **Plans work** plans the delivery of work while balancing priorities and resources.
- **Improves Work** proactively improves the efficiency and quality of processes and systems.

### Special Requirements

- This position may require the incumbent to travel domestically and/or internationally to attend conferences, events and to represent the university.
- This position requires the incumbent to hold a current Working with children Check

**Note** The intention of the position description is to provide an outline of scope and responsibilities, at a point in time. Please note, responsibilities may evolve in accordance with organisational needs.