Courses
We offer courses and workshops for new SCU staff and for staff who want to enhance their academic practice.

Introduction to Teaching @ SCU
A one day face-to-face workshop held on all campuses twice a year. It is supported by a range of resources including online modules and a booklet for new academic staff.

Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice
Offers applicants working as academic staff in higher education institutions the opportunity to gain a postgraduate qualification. The program is fully online with two core and two elective units from six alternatives. The first core unit requires participants to be concurrently teaching or employed in the facilitation of learning. Subsidised places are available for SCU staff.
About the Division

The Division advances teaching and learning at SCU through

• advocacy and support of staff and student learning
• development and implementation of university-wide discussions, projects and strategies
• research and scholarship of key issues.

The Division has two teams of academic staff – Academic Skills Development and Teaching and Curriculum teams. Each school has representatives from these teams as key contacts and conduits to more extensive, specialised support offered through the Division.

Academic Skills Development

Supports students’ development of:

• self management
• learning and critical thinking skills
• academic literacy
• academic numeracy
• academic integrity.

Support alternatives include:

School support
• assistance with development of academic skills within a unit or across a course
• delivery of lectures, tutorials, and online activities on specific academic skills
• advice on academic skills for assessment and plagiarism prevention
• advice on student issues related to academic skills.

Online resources
• academic skills online (eg Assignment Navigator, Numeracy)
• academic integrity and plagiarism prevention.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)
• Unit based structured academic peer support

Direct support for undergraduate students
• orientation activities
• workshops (on campus and online)
• one-to-one or small group consultations.

Teaching and Curriculum

Supports academic staff with:

• teaching strategies for diverse students and situations
• design for learning and assessment
• design for learning using technologies and diverse learning spaces
• evaluation and scholarship of teaching and learning.

Support alternatives include:

School support
• advice on educational design and practice
• advice on educational technologies
• development of teaching excellence
• school planning and review
• scholarship of teaching and learning.

Professional learning
• Introduction to Teaching @ SCU workshop
• Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice
• school and university-wide workshops/seminars.

Online resources
• at-a-glance overviews
• curriculum design checklists and resources
• Teaching Practice Online modules
• Learning Technologies Online modules.

Teaching excellence
• visiting scholars, seminars and workshops
• Festival of Teaching
• awards and grants.