



The Geography Teachers' Association of NSW & ACT

NEW

GEOGRAPHY 241: TEACHING PLACE AND LIVEABILITY

Reflecting on the focus of the Place and Liveability unit helps to boost our teaching of Stage 4 Geography in NSW

This professional development course, created by Dr Paul Batten and Katerina Stojanovski on behalf of GTA NSW & ACT, examines strong approaches to teaching about Place and Liveability. The course explores influences and perceptions, access to services and facilities, environmental quality, community and enhancing liveability.

The purpose of the course is to further develop and extend teachers' understanding of these key ideas. By completing the learning activities participants will demonstrate their capacity to create engaging Geography lessons. Participants will be required to explain how they would implement engaging Geography lesson ideas and strategies in relation to the Place and Liveability and share their ideas with fellow participants.

Skills developed in this course include:

- applying knowledge of the content and teaching strategies of Geography to develop engaging teaching activities (NESA Standard 2.1.2),
- selecting and/or creating and using a range of resources, including ICT, to engage students in their learning. (NESA Standard 3.4.2) and,
- contributing to collegial discussions to improve professional knowledge and practice (NESA Standard 6.3.2).

The course is designed for flexible delivery, where participants can start, progress and finish at times convenient to them. The collaboration is in a 'pay it forward' style, where participants engage with previous contributions and contribute themselves – learning in the process, but also adding to the galleries of exemplars and case studies for future participants to review.

Previous GTA NSW & ACT courses have been positively rated by participants:

"Very informative and well-structured. Everything was explained so clearly. Thank you so much!"

"That was really helpful and a great deal of really useful resources and links to sites"

"This is an accessible and easy way to learn and to improve classroom practice"

"An awesome course. One of the best I have completed. Clear instructions provided and very practical."

"I really enjoyed doing this course. Strong explanations of each skill were given with relevant activities provided to consolidate understanding, plus some really good resources."

COST: \$90 for each GTA online course, with discounts available on multiple registrations.

COURSE REGISTRATION: Available at openlearning.com/ptc-nsw/courses/geo241/

For further information about the GTA online courses contact gta.elearning@gmail.com

PROFICIENT COURSES:

Completing Geo 241 Teaching Place and Liveability before 31 July 2021 under NESA's interim arrangements will contribute 3 hours of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of Delivery and Assessment of NSW Curriculum addressing standard descriptors 2.1.2, 3.4.2, 6.3.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

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