

# Graduate Certificate in Higher Education

## Develop your career as a tertiary educator with the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education

### THE GCHE AND YOU

- Enrol in this fully online part-time course and build your capacity as a tertiary educator.
- Develop a more scholarly, reflective and informed approach to your assessment, learning and teaching.
- Work with colleagues and mentors in units that provide:
  - a strong foundation in learning and teaching theory
  - best practice in curriculum and assessment design and evaluation
  - skills and knowledge to match technology with learning goals
  - an integrated, scholarly project to enhance your teaching

### ABOUT THE GCHE

The Learning and Teaching Centre (LTC) at ACU offers a Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (GCHE).

The entirely online course is designed to help you to achieve learning outcomes that are directly related to enhancing your capabilities in learning and teaching in higher education.

The course is work-integrated so you undertake learning activities that are of relevance and benefit to you. Your study time will be efficient and productive because the learning and assessment tasks relate directly to activities you

undertake in your daily work. The sequence of units is designed to scaffold your learning towards an integrated, scholarly project.

In these ways, the course aims to model and illustrate good practice, and to ensure your learning experience is transparently relevant and strategically beneficial.

Key features of the Graduate Certificate in Higher Education course:

- Teaching and learning in the GCHE aligns with the ACU Teaching Criteria and Standards Framework<sup>1</sup> and is consistent with the UK Higher Education Academy's Performance Standards Framework. These frameworks are an important guide for professional development, performance appraisal, recruitment and tenure for academics.
- The GCHE is designed to appeal to established academics as well as new teaching staff and is relevant to all who teach in higher education. For academics new to ACU, it is ideally undertaken after completion of the LTC Introduction to Learning and Teaching program.
- The course is founded on research and scholarship in higher education. It has a strong theoretical and scholarly base to promote and inform your own scholarship and excellence in learning and teaching.

The GCHE is an online work-integrated course, designed to enhance your capabilities in learning and teaching, curriculum design, technology, and scholarship in higher education.

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<sup>1</sup> The Framework is built on a model developed by several institutions that has attracted national attention.

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## ELIGIBILITY

The GCHE is designed for ACU academics with a teaching-focused or teaching-research role (including staff with sessional appointments).

A limited number of places are also available to applicants from outside ACU. All applicants require a bachelor degree (or higher) and an appointment in a tertiary education institution that directly involves teaching. Others may also be eligible for admission (conditions apply).

## BENEFITS OF STUDYING THE GCHE AT ACU

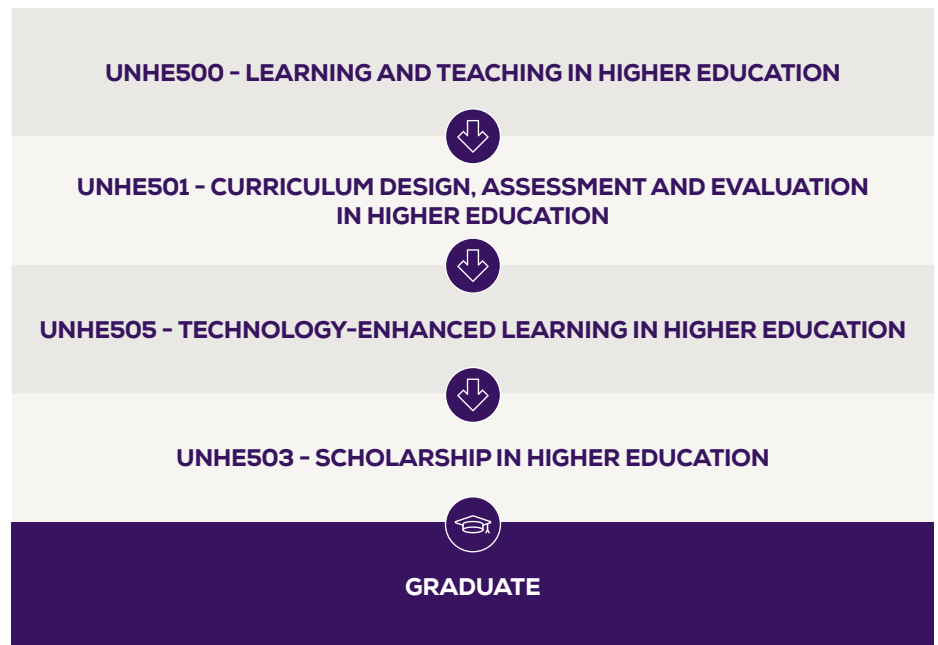
- The GCHE fosters an understanding and appreciation of higher education in the Catholic intellectual tradition and the principles of Catholic social thought.
- The GCHE addresses values consistent with ACU's Mission.
- This national online course offers you opportunities for supported networking and collaboration with colleagues regardless of location.

## FEE-WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition fees for each unit of the course will be waived for students who are employed by ACU. This scholarship is offered only once per unit.

Ongoing eligibility for the fee-waiver is assessed each semester.

In addition to the fee-waiver scholarship, ACU staff members who are teaching-focused or for whom the GCHE is a probationary requirement will receive a 50-hour workload allocation per unit as a contribution to the total workload required.



## UNITS OF STUDY

To graduate from the GCHE, you will need to complete four units of study, each worth 10 credit points. You should expect to spend 150 hours of study to complete each unit. The GCHE is typically completed over four semesters.

You must complete the four units in the order listed below.

### UNHE500 Learning and Teaching in Higher Education

Provides you with a foundation in learning and teaching theory.

### UNHE501 Curriculum Design, Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education

Builds on your foundation in learning and teaching theory to develop your knowledge and skills in curriculum design, assessment design and evaluation.

### UNHE505 Technology-Enhanced Learning in Higher Education

Extends your curriculum and assessment design skills by integrating technology enhanced learning.

### UNHE503 Scholarship in Higher Education

Integrates your learning across the course with a scholarly project of your own, developed in negotiation with your lecturer.

## MODE OF OFFERING

The GCHE is a part-time course taught by academic staff from ACU's Learning and Teaching Centre. It is delivered online through ACU's Learning Environment Online (LEO). This approach provides you with optimal study flexibility and the ability to integrate study and work commitments.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the GCHE in the next round of admissions, please visit [acu.edu.au](http://acu.edu.au). You will find information about the course by searching for 'Graduate Certificate in Higher Education' in the course browser.

## ENQUIRIES

Academic enquiries about the GCHE may be directed to the Course Co-ordinator via the dedicated course email address: [GCHE.LTC@acu.edu.au](mailto:GCHE.LTC@acu.edu.au)

Administrative enquiries may be directed to the course administration officer on 02 9739 2624.