



The Geography Teachers' Association of NSW & ACT

NEW

GEOGRAPHY 242: TEACHING LANDSCAPES & LANDFORMS EXTENSION

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A flexible, anywhere, anytime online learning opportunity through Open Learning. Understanding the focus of the *Landscapes and Landforms* unit is key for effectively teaching 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 *Landscapes and Landforms*. The course explores landscapes and landforms, value of landscapes and landforms, changing landscapes, landscape management and protection and geomorphic hazard.

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 lesson ideas and strategies in relation to *Landscapes and Landforms* 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)

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 courses have been rated positively by participants:

- *Excellent format & structure. And thanks to all the other participants, your ideas were wide-ranging and inspiring and I'll be using them in my classes :)*
- *This course has really informed my programming and practice.*
- *As a first-year teacher, this was an invaluable resource/experience.*
- *Thanks– as a non-specialist in Geography this was very helpful to aid both my teaching and improve my confidence in delivery!*

To access the course go to openlearning.com/ptc-nsw/courses/geo242

COST: \$90 you can register straight away at that website, by first creating an *Open Learning* account by clicking *Join Up* or *Sign Up*, and then paying using credit card. If you want your school to pay for you, follow the instructions at shorturl.at/goIJ4 to organise an invoice. If you have any questions email gta.elearning@gmail.com

Completing **Geography 242: Teaching Landscapes and Landforms – Extension** will contribute **3 hours** of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Accredited PD in the priority area of Delivery and Assessment of NSW Curriculum/EYLF addressing standard descriptors 2.1.2, 3.4.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

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