Participation and Community Engagement (PACE)

Open Day Presentation
What Is PACE?

- Participation and Community Engagement (PACE)
- Part of NEW MQ Curriculum: (The 3 Ps)
What is Participation?

• Provides **breadth and depth** to your University experience
  • **Breadth** via the 3 Ps
  • **Depth** via majors and named degree programs (disciplinary)
  • Provides a well rounded education and awareness of:
    ➢ Local
    ➢ Global
    ➢ Social
    ➢ Environmental Issues
What Is Participation?

Aims to give students experiential learning opportunities:

- Increase social awareness
- Make a contribution
- Apply classroom learning
- Develop skills employers value
- Local Regional International
What are Graduate Capabilities?

Cognitive, Social and Personal
New Curriculum Structure

Participation Units

• Participation component aims:
  ➢ Opportunities to gain practical experience
  ➢ Acquire skills to help you critically reflect
  ➢ Learning through participation
  ➢ Be a more active member of the community & make a real contribution

• Participation may include:
  ➢ Work integrated learning - Internships
  ➢ Community based research
  ➢ Mentoring
  ➢ Field Trips with a partnership component
  ➢ Community development projects
Participation Unit Structure
Three (3) Main Components:

Orientation
- Preparatory Lectures & Activities
- Workshops
- Logistical Info
- Toolkit

Experience
- **Domestic**
  - 30Hrs – 3 Credit
  - 60Hrs – 6 Credit
- **International**
  - 2-10 Weeks
  - Real World Assessment
  - Graduate Caps

Wrap-Up
- Debrief
- Reflection of learning for participation
Partnership Development

Who are our partners?

• Organisations that align with Macquarie’s Ethical Standards that promote the wellbeing of Planet and People.
• Private, Government, Not-for-Profit, Community Sector

• Priority Areas Include:
  ➢ Local – focus on local area and Western Sydney
  ➢ Regional – focus on Indigenous Communities
  ➢ International – focus on Asia/Pacific Region
Pathways to Participation.

• Participation undertaken as:
  - One Block either during semester or in vacation times
  - In increments spread out over a semester or year

• Participation can be:
  - **Discipline specific**
  - Accredited Participation Unit within academic program
  - Obtain academic credit
  - **Multi-disciplinary**
  - Accredited Cross-discipline Participation Unit
  - Co-curricular activities such as overseas community development
Pathways to Participation...
Discipline Specific (International)

• **Health 300 Unit – Part of Bachelor of Health**
• Located in the Philippines
• Partner – Bahay Tuluyan – NGO: Local Child’s Rights Organisation
• Objectives:
  - Participate in health, peer education and community development
  - Working with street children in need of special protection
Pathways to Participation...

Discipline Specific (Domestic)

• Health 300 Unit – Part of Bachelor of Health
  • Located in Sydney’s North Shore
  • Partner – North Shore Health Service
  • Objectives:
    ➢ Developing a health promotion strategy
    ➢ Address alcohol consumption amongst young women.
Pathways to Participation...
Multi-Disciplinary

- **Community Development Project**
- Located in India
- Partner – Restless Development- Youth-Led Development Agency

**Objectives:**
- Support young people to actively contribute to development of their communities
- Peer education programs
- Sustainable livelihoods program
- Community resource development
Is there any Financial Assistance?

• **Participation Grants**
  • Available to undergraduates travelling to Regional Australia or internationally
  • Must meet eligibility criteria
  • Value up to $2,500
Meet the PACE Team

Local/Regional Team
- Faculty Staff
- Unit Convenor
- Partner Organisation

International Team
- PACE Office
- Faculty Staff
- Australian Volunteers International (AVI)
- Partner Organisation
Find out more...

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