



Inclusive Education 22 April – 17 June 2010

Lectures: 1630hrs & 1930hrs**Venue:** The University Residence, Robert Mifsud Bonnici Street, Lija

Thursday 22 April

Thursday 29 April

Thursday 06 May

Thursday 13 May

Thursday 20 May

Wednesday 26 May

Wednesday 02 June

Thursday 03 June

Thursday 10 June

Thursday 17 June

Although we will do our utmost not to change these scheduled dates once course has started, kindly note these are subject to change

AIM AND CONTENTS OF THE COURSE

The aim of this 30-hour course is to introduce contentious issues in inclusive and special education, which will generate debate and propose argumentation that will contribute towards an educational system that reaches out to all. It is intended that this course introduces us to basic concepts in inclusive education and disability issues. Part of the course will also include knowledge on developing basic techniques and strategies.

Understanding inclusion

Principles of effective inclusion

Understanding diverse educational needs

The impact of inclusion

School communities

Techniques in improving inclusion

Dyslexia

Universal design

Creating an environment that fosters inclusion

Tutorials

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Helping, training and supporting disabled students to learn to speak up for themselves

Promoting a school environment for all

Understanding the local and international inclusive education scene

Reflecting on the diverse educational needs of learners

TARGET AUDIENCE

Learning Support Assistants (Facilitators); Teachers; Senior Management Team; Student teachers; LSA trainees and General public

THE COURSE CO-ORDINATOR & LECTURERS

The tutor and coordinator of the course is Dr Andrew Azzopardi. Dr Azzopardi is a Lecturer within the Department of Youth and Community Studies (Faculty of Education) at the University of Malta. His lecturing focuses on inclusive education, sociology, critical pedagogy, disability politics, multi-cultural education, community management, emancipatory research, narrative enquiry, youth and community studies. Dr. Azzopardi is currently coordinating a *Masters in Inclusive Education and Communities*. He has had *papers* published in the applauded journals of disability studies; *Disability and Society* and *The International Journal of Inclusive Education*, had several pieces of work published in an electronic journal of the University of Leeds, reviewed books for the British Educational Research Association (BERA) and co-authored two texts, *Developmental Programme for PSD Teachers (2000)* and *Creating Inclusive Schools (2002)*. He recently published a text, *Career Guidance for Persons with Disability* and contributed a chapter in *Disability and the Politics of Education: An International Reader*. Other course lecturers include Dr Elena Tanti Burlo', Ms Ruth Falzon and Ms Charmaine Agius Ferrante all carrying loads of experience in the area of inclusive education.

DELIVERABLES

Able to conceptualize the notion of inclusive education

Able to understanding who and how to support

Able to promote an inclusive curricula

Able to understand the philosophy of school communities

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

Lectures; Guest speakers; Literature review; Pair and group discussion; Case studies to illustrate themes

CERTIFICATE

Participants who attend at least 80% of the sessions will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance issued by MUC in collaboration with Dr Andrew Azzopardi, Lecturer, Department of Youth and Community Studies, University of Malta.

COURSE FEE, REGISTRATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

€uro 175 - Cheques to be made payable to Malta University Consulting Ltd. Registration Deadline: 16 April 2010

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