PERSONAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

11385NAT Certificate II in Learning Australian First Nation's Language

This document explains the learning activities, personal capabilities, technology and cultural engagement involved in the course.

You are not expected to begin the course already knowing your First Nations language. The course develops foundational language skills in a supported, culturally safe and structured learning environment. If you are unsure about any requirement, please speak with us. Needing support does not automatically prevent you from enrolling.

The skills and abilities required to study in this course include:

Communication Skills

- Listen actively to understand instructions, discussions, stories and language examples.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully with teachers, other students, Elders, language custodians and community members.
- Participate in yarning, group discussions and collaborative learning activities.
- Practice and repeat unfamiliar sounds, words and phrases.
- Read words and short phrases aloud and participate in basic oral language activities.
- Give short oral presentations and respond to verbal questions and feedback.

Literacy and Numeracy Skills

- Read and understand straightforward written instructions and learning materials.
- Read wordlists, sound charts, maps, short texts and other language resources.
- Write short responses, notes, reflections, wordlists and simple research findings.
- Record and organise information gathered through research and language learning activities.
- Use basic numeracy skills to understand dates, times, timetables and other straightforward information.

Behavioural & Social Skills

- Remain engaged and participate in online and face-to-face learning activities.
- Work respectfully and cooperatively with other students.
- Participate in group activities, yarning and peer learning.
- Accept guidance and feedback from teachers, language speakers and community knowledge holders.
- Respect different levels of language knowledge, cultural identity and lived experience within the group.
- Manage independent learning activities outside scheduled class time.
- Communicate with staff if personal circumstances are affecting attendance, participation or progress.

Technical and Digital Skills

- Use a computer or suitable digital device to access learning.
- Log in using a username and password.
- Access and participate in online classes.
- Use email to communicate with teachers and support staff.
- Conduct basic internet searches.
- Access websites, online catalogues and digital language resources.
- Create, save, locate and upload files.
- Use word-processing software to complete learning and assessment activities.

- Create and use simple digital presentations.
- Use audio-recording functions for language practice and assessment.

Cultural Skills and Responsibilities

- Engage respectfully with First Nations cultural protocols and community knowledge.
- Respect the cultural authority of Traditional Owners, Elders, language custodians and other recognised knowledge holders.
- Seek appropriate guidance when using language, stories, cultural information and community knowledge.
- Use culturally appropriate and authorised language resources.
- Respect that some cultural knowledge or language material may have restrictions on how it can be accessed, recorded, used or shared.
- Be prepared to explore the relationship between language, Country, culture and identity.
- Engage respectfully with topics relating to language loss, colonisation, revitalisation and reclamation.

Physical Skills

- Capacity to use a computer, laptop or smart device for online learning and assessment activities.
- Capacity to use headphones and audio-recording technology.
- Capacity to participate in scheduled face-to-face learning and intensive delivery blocks, with reasonable adjustments where required.
- Capacity to participate in on-Country learning experiences, which may involve walking or moving across outdoor and natural environments, standing for periods of time, and participating in cultural and learning activities in different locations.

Personal Readiness

- Capacity to engage with learning that may explore personal, family, community and cultural histories.
- Willingness to engage respectfully with topics relating to colonisation, language loss, cultural disruption, language revitalisation and reclamation.
- Ability to recognise when support may be needed and seek assistance from teachers or support services.
- Respect for the experiences, stories, privacy and cultural knowledge shared by other learners.

Before you Enrol

Please consider whether you may need assistance with any requirement in this document because of disability, health, neurodiversity, literacy or numeracy, digital access, cultural obligations, caring responsibilities, work, travel, housing or other personal circumstances. Discussing this early helps us plan culturally safe support and reasonable adjustments. Adjustments can support access and participation, but they cannot remove essential course or competency requirements.

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- First Peoples Education and Kitjarra Centre: cultural, wellbeing and learner support
- Learning Support Services: reading, writing, numeracy, study and digital learning support
- Disability Support Services: access, reasonable adjustments and individual support planning
- Counselling and wellbeing services: confidential personal support
- Skills and Jobs Centre: career and study pathway guidance.
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Web support links:

- First Peoples Programs: First Peoples
- Disability Support: https://www.thegordon.edu.au/future-students/student-services/disability-support
- Learning Support: https://www.thegordon.edu.au/quick-links/gordon-students/learning-support
- Career Services: https://www.thegordon.edu.au/future-students/student-services/career-services
- Skills and Jobs Centre: https://www.thegordon.edu.au/skills-and-jobs-centre/about-us

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