# Academic Skills Advisor Position Description



| Position details |   |                        |  |
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| Position         | Academic Skills Advisor   | Location               | Clarence Valley - Grafton  |
| Reports to       | Centre Management   | Ordinary<br>Hourly Pay | Casual on-call   |
| Award            | Educational Services<br>(Post-Secondary Education)<br>Award 2020            | Funding                | Commonwealth Government  |
| Classification   | General Staff Level 5 -Level 9 (according to qualifications and experience) | Ordinary<br>Hourly Pay | As at 19/03/2025  Level Casual Part-Time 5 \$42.94 \$34.35 6 \$46.10 \$36.88 7 \$49.95 \$39.96 8 \$56.24 \$44.99 9 \$59.46 \$47.57 |

# **Purpose of the role**

The Academic Skills Advisor (ASA) is part of the Student Services team to provide a comprehensive range of academic support to regional students studying university-level courses. The ASA is responsible for engaging students in their learning through a holistic approach to academic support through tailored one-on-one, and group sessions, as well as structured workshops and resources. The ASA contributes significantly to student engagement, self-efficacy, wellbeing and retention.

## **Major Accountabilities**

- Offer one-on-one consultation sessions and academic monitoring to develop students' general academic and digital literacy skills.
- Provide constructive feedback on assessment tasks to support the development of academic skills.
- Identify students who may be struggling academically, with their transition to higher education and/or otherwise at risk and provide appropriate intervention and referral in line with CUC protocols.
- Build rapport with known equity groups to foster resilience in students starting higher education.
- Develop and host student workshops, interactive sessions and learning resources.
- Drive Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) through all academic skills activities.
- Contribute to the ongoing evaluation of ASA activities including collecting and analysing local data.
- Work collaboratively with other ASAs across the CUC Network to share best practice.

# **Key Selection Criteria**

### **Skills and Experience**

- Outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to connect with others and provide constructive feedback effectively to a diverse range of people.
- Skills and/or experience in designing and providing support in an educational environment.
- Skills in providing feedback for assessments, academic writing and referencing, with attention to detail.
- Ability to work flexibly and collaboratively in a small team to achieve collective outcomes and contribute to a positive team environment.
- Ability to speak publicly, make presentations, and coordinate activities.
- Proven time management and organisational skills with the ability to manage competing priorities.
- Professional communication and reporting skills, including to students, Centre Manager and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated proficiency in digital technologies such as Word, Excel, Outlook, databases,
   Canva, social media platforms.

#### **Essential**

- Current Drivers Licence.
- Current Working with Children Check.
- Undergraduate degree with excellent academic results.
- Ability to work flexibly and independently, with limited direction.
- Passionate and enthusiastic about creating opportunities for regional students.

#### **Desirable**

- Undergraduate degree in humanities (e.g. Education, Arts, Social Sciences, Linguistics)
- Experience working with/in schools, and universities and/or TAFE.
- Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- First Aid / Mental Health First Aid Certificates
- Postgraduate degree

#### Other information

- From time to time this position may be assigned additional tasks within skill level, competency, and experience, to meet short-term operational needs.
- Staff are expected to read, understand and follow all CUCCV Policies.

| I have read, understood and agree to this position description and the C | CUCCV Policies. |
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| Employee Signature:  | Date:           |
| Centre Manager Signature:  | Date:           |