



The LOTE in Learning Professional Development program aims to connect Education Queensland LOTE teachers, generalist teachers and curriculum leaders in school-based projects that focus on effective whole-school curriculum, pedagogy and assessment practices.

The program is not KLA specific and addresses two potential audiences - individual teachers working on improving pedagogy, and curriculum leaders using the same information to strengthen curriculum, pedagogy and assessment alignment practice in schools.

Individuals may choose to take on projects themselves and ask for assistance from others in their schools at strategic points. Alternatively, teams of teachers and or leaders within schools may contract to complete one or more of the projects simultaneously.

Content and Structure

Three principles form the basis of the three Learning Packages within the course -

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| <p><u>Learning Package 1</u> - Engaging Preconceptions Students come to the classroom with preconceptions about how the world works. If their initial understanding is not engaged, they may fail to grasp the new concepts and information that are taught, or they may learn them for purposes of a test but revert to their preconceptions outside the classroom.</p> |
| <p><u>Learning Package 2</u> - Building and Using Conceptual Frameworks To develop competence in an area of inquiry, students must have a deep foundation of factual knowledge understand facts and ideas in the context of a conceptual framework, and organise knowledge in ways that facilitate retrieval and application.</p> |
| <p><u>Learning Package 3</u> – Meta-cognition A meta-cognitive approach to instruction can help students learn to take control of their own learning by defining learning goals and monitoring their progress in achieving them.</p> |

Each Learning Package provides a study guide and foundational readings, then provides extension elements that explore what the principle may look like in four learning environments, that teachers can create and attend to in their work - student-centred environments, knowledge-centred environments, assessment-centred environment and community-centred environment.

The LOTE in Learning course can be utilised in a range of ways:

| | Assessment | Mentor | Purpose |
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| <p>Option 1: Access video clips, readings and information</p> | <p>✘ Not undertaken</p> | <p>✘ Not provided</p> | <p>Professional self-improvement</p> |
| <p>Option 2: Complete one or more of the 3 learning packages</p> | <p>✔ Task to be completed</p> | <p>✔ Required</p> | <p>Certified completion of 15 hours of PD per package; Allows a teacher to apply for significant credit towards a Masters subject</p> |

For further information on assessment tasks, accreditation and professional development pathways related to the LOTE in Learning course, please go to:

http://education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/employee/teachers/pd_pathways/programs/pd_pathways_progs_lote.html

It is **recommended** that participants have a Broadband/LAN Internet connection, don't undertake all 3 packages simultaneously, stagger the packages across a year or more, and choose a pathway through the material that is relevant to their context, priorities and current understandings.

To access the LOTE in Learning Course on the Learning Place

Please follow the steps below to register. Staff interested in undertaking the course for accreditation will need to register for the Blackboard course through the Learning Place as well as requesting course facilitation and mentoring through the Queensland LOTE Centre.

Step 1: Getting your Learning Place user ID and password

You need to have a Learning Place user ID and password. If you already have a Learning Place user ID and password, please go to Step 2. If you are an EQ employee and you do not have a Learning Place user ID and password, you need to:

1. go to the *Request to join the Learning Place* on <http://education.qld.gov.au/lpas/public/user/RequestToJoinLP.aspx?UserType=EQE>;
2. insert your details and click *Submit*. Your Learning Place user ID will be displayed on the screen;
3. wait for an email from the Learning Place containing your logon details (will be sent to your specified email address).

If you have forgotten your user ID and password, please contact the Learning Place at LearningPlace@deta.qld.gov.au. You need to provide them with your name, EQ employee number (to be found on your payslip), and the name of your school.

Step 2: Gaining permission to access the LOTE in Learning Blackboard Course

Once you know your Learning Place user ID and password, you need to:

1. go to <http://education.qld.gov.au/lpas/user/ViewCourseOccurrence.aspx?OccurrenceId=32135&Register=Y&bt=1204500344184> to access the *Blackboard course details and registration page*. Click *Register*;
2. insert your Learning Place user ID and password and click *Logon*;
3. provide any reasons for undertaking the program under *Reason for request to register*. Then click *Submit*;
4. wait for an email notification from the Learning Place that your registration has been accepted. If you have not heard back within two working days, please contact the Queensland LOTE Centre on telephone (07) 3360 7531 or by email Bronwen.Dickson@deta.qld.gov.au.

Step 3: Accessing the LOTE in Learning Blackboard Course

When your registration has been accepted for the *LOTE in Learning* Blackboard Course, you need to:

1. go to the LOTE website on <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/area/lotte/> (for future reference, you can add this link to your browser's *Favorites* folder);
2. click [Registered users of the LOTE in Learning online PD Course](#) under *The Latest in LOTE* to take you to the Blackboard Community logon page;
3. enter your Learning Place user ID and password and then click *Enter*;
4. click *LOTE in Learning* under *My Courses* on *My eLearn* page. You are now in the online course website.

If you have any queries, please contact Bronwen Dickson, Senior Education Officer (LOTE), Queensland LOTE Centre on telephone (07) 3360 7531 or by email Bronwen.Dickson@deta.qld.gov.au. Please note that Bronwen works part-time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.