
Summary and testimonial

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At the University of the South Pacific, our centre for flexible learning team was awarded a grant by the Vanuatu Policing and Justice Program to develop a program for the flexible delivery of the diploma in policing management for Vanuatu Police Probationary Officers. The goal of the program was to maximise flexibility for recruits to be able to undertake highly modularised skills-based assessments at a pace that suited their professional and family commitments. Dr Karin Oerlemans was contracted to lead the project on behalf of USP. Karin systematically reviewed the structure of the curriculum against the learning outcomes and in consultation with the head of the school, proposed new approaches to assessment and feedback that reinforced the skills and competencies required by the VPF recruits. She then redesigned the LMS platform to better integrate the learning experience of the students through modularisation and compartmentalization of information. Finally Karin provided training for USP academic staff in the use of LMS tools and the value of developing an intentional approach to instruction to improve student performance and feedback.

Dr. Oerlemans executed this project entirely remotely due to the border closures in Vanuatu and Fiji at the time. She managed to work with the team at USP despite the unreliable internet connection and occasional language issues. Her patience and understanding of the cultural context in which she was working gave us great confidence that her contribution to the project would deliver a successful outcome. The final report was written and produced in a way that was instructional, critically sounds, and accessible to current and future staff who may benefit from the information into the future. Karin was an effective and efficient operator who was a pleasure to work with.

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