

### SCHOOL OF ENTERPRISE

#### SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINOLOGY (FORENSIC DISABILITY)

##### 1 BACKGROUND

The School of Enterprise proposes to introduce a new post graduate award, known as the Specialist Certificate in Criminology (Forensic Disability). This course will incorporate two existing 12.5 point Masters level subjects approved as part of the Master of Criminology (Forensic Psychology) from the School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology. The Specialist Certificate designation will provide to a proven professional development market the capacity to complete further education in a very specific area with an award outcome. The course will be delivered in an executive industry focused style to professionals in the health and justice sectors who have indicated on going interest by way of single subject enrolments over the past 10 years in the Masters program. The Specialist Certificate is also indicated as of interest for in house customization by at least two State Departments of Justice.

The Master of Criminology (Forensic Disability) is targeted for closure, however the two subjects in Forensic Disability continue to have a tested industry market. The School of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology executive has requested that the School of Enterprise collaborate in order to repackage the two subjects to develop an industry focused program that will also provide the basis for negotiation of customised in-house versions of the material. SoE undertook a market survey by way of targeted marketing of the proposal and received very positive feedback. On this basis the SoE is investing in the repackaging of the two subjects to a Specialist Certificate to allow for administration and business development to be provided by its project team and the repackaging of the delivery style to intensives supported through Moodle to ensure the correct fit with busy professionals.

##### 2 COURSE/PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the course will:

- develop an advanced understanding of the psychology of offending behaviour and the criminal justice system;
- develop their knowledge of the appropriate professional skills to be utilised with different types of offenders and in diverse forensic contexts;
- emerge with an advanced understanding of relevant cultural, legal, policy and political issues;
- have confidence in their capacity to undertake PhD and other advanced research.

##### 3 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Recommended separately by Academic Board.

##### 4 COURSE/PROGRAM STRUCTURE

To satisfy the requirements of the Specialist Certificate in Forensic Disability, students need to complete 2, 12.5 credit point subjects.

- Introduction to Forensic Disability (12.5 point subject)
- Advanced Practice in Forensic Disability (12.5 point subject)

##### 5 AVAILABILITY OF COURSE

The course is intended to be available on a part-time basis to fee-paying Australian students from semester 1, 2008.