Employability showcase (discipline linked)

Showcase of examples of discipline-linked employability courses project

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In 2020 myself and the University Ranga Auaha Ako/Learning Design Service Team began a project to showcase examples of discipline-linked employability courses to help teachers learn how to teach employability.

We have carefully selected two examples per faculty, and I have completed 16 discussions with teachers so far. Those which have been finalised are written up on the pages below. Staff have kindly shared their experiences and tips, and a range of documents from their courses, which provide a rich and creative resource.

We found some patterns in these courses. Typically they have these elements:

- Designed to develop students' employability
- Include practical content
- Use typical workplace writing forms
- They apply academic research/theory
- They get students to create knowledge
- Help students visualize what they may become

Below are links to the showcase and documents for each course, followed by links to page featuring collated wisdom and assignment related documents across all showcased courses. I hope you find them useful.

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COMPSCI 399: Capstone Computer Science - Allan Fowler
(https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/compsci-399-capstone-computer-science?)
DANCE 322: Professional Practices – Becca Weber

EARTHSCI 372: Engineering Geology - Martin Brook

EDUCSW 302 Service Learning - Rod Philpot

ENGGEN 303 Managing Projects and Innovation - Cody Mankelow

ENGGEN 730: Management skills for project professionals - Erik van den Top and Shannon Ring
(https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/enggen-730-management-skills-for-project-professionals?module_item_id=1114207)

FINEARTS 234 Creative Careers: Pathways - Simon Ingram

FINANCE 383: Banking and Financial Institutions- Dulani Jayasuriya

HUMS 300: Critiquing the Museum - Linda Tyler
(https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/hums-300-critiquing-the-museum)

INFOSYS 310: Business Project - Valery Pavlov
(https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/infoysys-310-business-project?module_item_id=1114222)

LAWGENRL 421: Civil Procedure - Julian Long and Jessica Storey

LAWPUBL 461: Indigenous Rights Legal Clinic - Claire Charters

PHYSIOL 399 Capstone: Physiology - Anuj Bhargava
(https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/physiol-399-physiology?module_item_id=1257518)

POPLHLTH 300: Health Sector Professional Competencies - Andrew Lynch
(https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/poplhlth-300-health-sector-professional-competencies)
Collated wisdom

- Assignment examples  

- Positive impact of employability teaching  

- Challenges in employability teaching  

- Solutions to the challenges of employability teaching  

- Top tips  
  (https://canvas.auckland.ac.nz/courses/42445/pages/top-tips-for-teaching-employability?module_item_id=1114263)