Course Review 2024 Biology Level 3

Response to feedback for newly accredited courses first delivered in 2024.

In collaboration with TASC, DECYP implemented a range of significant amendments across the suite of new courses, including <u>Biology Level 3</u>.

The 2024 <u>Phase 1 Review</u> identified opportunities for improvement, with a particular focus on assessment.

Senior Secondary Provision and TASC developed a matrix to assess the scale and risk of identified issues. Courses were divided in three categories:

- · High priority amendments
- · Moderate priority amendments
- Lower priority amendments

Subject Matter Experts met to validate and provide feedback on the proposed solutions to identified issues (the amendments).

What we heard

The following table represents background data related to the course review:

- Number of providers offering the course in 2024
- Total number of feedback responses received
- Percentage represented by the number of feedback responses out of the total number of providers offering the course

| | Providers offering the course in 2024 | | Percentage of providers represented by feedback |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | responses |
| Numbers | 28 | 4 | 14% |





Summary of identified issues and recommended solutions:

The following table represents:

- · data extracted from the review surveys, identifying issues within this course
- · recommendations submitted through the review surveys or recommendations

| IDENTIFIED ISSUES | RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS | |
|---|---|--|
| Too many work requirements, especially | Reduce WR to 3x Criterion 4 linked tasks and | |
| for Criterion 4 | 2x Criterion 3 linked tasks | |
| | Review against TASC complexity matrix. | |
| Difficulty of course rates as a Level 4 | Seek SME/LAAG (and/or similar) feedback to | |
| | verify validity of feedback. | |
| Incorrect terminology and missing | Correct and update in course doc. and course | |
| concepts within course documentation | guide | |
| Difficulty of determining examination | Share feedback with TASC and seek | |
| content based on current course details | feedback from examination setter and/or other | |
| Criterion 5 | relevant SMEs | |

Course amendments:

The following amendment/s have been made to the course:

- Work Requirements for Modules 2 and 3 have been updated.
- The course feedback received confirmed that the course difficulty rated at level 3.
- Updated terminology and missing concepts in Modules 2 and 3 Course Content
- Criterion 5 has been updated

Clarifications:

The following clarification/s have been provided:

• Nil.

Recommendations:

Some feedback received was outside of the scope of this phase of the course review process. As a result, the following recommendations have been made for future consideration:

Nil.