Bio Sketch

Deb is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Public Health and Social Work (Faculty of Health) and previously was the Senior Lecturer and Academic Advisor at QUT’s Oodgeroo Unit (Indigenous Student Support). Deb co-developed, coordinates and lectures in QUT’s first Indigenous Knowledges Minor. The Indigenous Knowledges Minor consists of four units and covers topics such as Indigenous politics; Cultural safety; Representation of Indigenous peoples; and Research ethics and protocols.

Deb has developed and coordinated two specific social work and human services unit directly addressing Aboriginal and Torres Strait issues and practice: The Socio-Cultural Context of Professional Practice unit (Masters of Social Work) and the Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities unit (Undergraduate). In a practice context, Deb has 10 years’ experience working in the domestic and family violence sector (women’s refuges, counselling, group facilitating) and with families experiencing homelessness.

Area(s) of Expertise

- Embedding Indigenous Knowledges
- Cultural safety in social work and human services practice
- Social issues impacting on Aboriginal self-determination

Key Publications