English for Academic Purposes course available at TAFE Illawarra

The English for Academic Purposes course will be offered again in Semester 2, 2012 at TAFE Illawarra’s Wollongong Campus.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) provides learners from a non-English speaking background with the English language skills and socio-cultural knowledge required to access and participate in study at a tertiary level.

According to Helen Wood, Teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at Wollongong Campus, successful completion of English for Academic Purposes satisfies English language requirements for entry to many Australian universities, including the University of Wollongong.

“The EAP course is a full-time Certificate IV level course delivered over 18 weeks and participants will be provided with the opportunity to prepare for formal presentations, interviews, group discussions and problem-solving activities,” she said.

“Participants will be taught how to listen and respond to spoken academic texts such as lectures, interviews and seminars. Listening skills include predicting content, understanding the structure of spoken texts, understanding language functions in spoken English and taking notes. They will also acquire the skills for writing essays, survey reports and research projects and also develop writing and research skills including assessing texts for quality, relevance and authority, selecting relevant information and using referencing conventions,” she added.

Participants will be shown how to read and respond to a variety of written academic texts including journal articles, survey reports, newspaper articles and editorials, diagrammatic texts and historical recounts. They will be taught to develop academic reading skills such as predicting content, skimming and scanning, finding main ideas and supporting detail, note-taking and summarising, as well as recognising facts versus opinion.

Aleksander Pajic completed the EAP course offered at TAFE Illawarra and is currently a Visual Arts student at the University of Wollongong (UOW).

“I am a current student of Visual Arts at UOW and the first bonus I received was recognition of my EAP course from TAFE,” said Aleksander.

“My qualifications in EAP gave me an advantage over other students at UOW. The course gave me invaluable skills in preparing essays and developing presentations using PowerPoint,” he added.

For more information contact Course Information on 1300 766 123.