

Capability Overview: Expertise in Vocational Education and Training at the University of Melbourne

Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education (MCSHE)

Director, MCSHE: Professor William Locke

Director, LH Martin Institute: Professor Leo Goedegebuure

The Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education (MCSHE) conducts research and delivers professional development programs in the fields of higher education teaching and learning, research, engagement and leadership, and is home to the LH Martin Institute. The Institute provides the tertiary education sector with career and capability development through an integrated set of programs, events and projects. Australia's vocational education and training sector is the focus of a number of current research projects undertaken within the LH Martin Institute. These include:

- Bridge to Opportunity: TAFE as Key Partners in Innovation Systems
- Investigating Quality teaching the Victorian VET Sector
- National Training Product Reform

A full list of current and past LH Martin Institute research projects can be found [here](#).

Melbourne Graduate School of Education (MGSE)

Dean, MGSE: Dr Jim Watterston

Co-Director, Centre for Vocational and Education Policy: Professor John Polesel

Co-Director, Centre for Vocational and Education Policy: Associate Professor Shelley Gillis

The Melbourne Graduate School of Education (MGSE) delivers graduate-level education programs and conducts leading research on education challenges. In addition to the MCSHE, the School houses the Centre for Vocational and Education Policy. The Centre is involved with a number of research projects with a core focus on equity, aims, philosophy and implementation of education and training. Recently completed projects include:

- Factors affecting demand for higher level VET qualifications by students from low SES backgrounds and possible policy interventions to increase their participation
- Factors enabling entry into and engagement with VET for young, early school leavers
- Innovative partnerships for youth engagement in education and work

A full list of the Centre's projects can be found [here](#).

Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research

Director, Melbourne Institute: Professor Abigail Payne

The Melbourne Institute is an economic and social policy research centre, conducting rigorous, independent research and analysis in support of policy reform. The Institute's partners include Commonwealth and State Government Departments, non-Government organisations as well as other research centres. The Melbourne Institute's research has helped to inform education policy development, examining the links between vocational education and employment and the role of vocational programs in supporting the skills required for the future labour force. The Institute also conducts extensive research on workforce supply and demand, and is the source of national datasets including the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) Survey.