

Module 6b: GRSC6138 Transferable Skills Retreat (12 hours)

Aims/Objectives

The objective of the retreat is to enhance both the personal and research effectiveness of RPg students by offering them a wonderful opportunity to develop the awareness and skills which are significantly relevant to their study, career and whole person development. The RPg students will also meet their peers from different disciplines and cultural backgrounds in the retreat.

Contents

RPgs choosing this module are required to attend a 2-day transferable skills retreat, where they will engage in a number of indoor and outdoor learning activities. The retreat adopts an interactive teaching mode which focuses on experiential learning, achieved through a series of challenging group tasks. Students will be divided into small teams to perform various group exercises. Topics include planning, project management, creativity, communication skills, group dynamics, networking, developing self-awareness, collaborative research and careers. As much as possible, links are made to the research environment and participants are encouraged.

Enrollment

There are no prerequisites for this module. Students are advised to take the retreat during the early stage of study.

Assessment

Students are required to attend all sessions of the retreat. Assessment will take the form of a series of reflective activities and presentations during the retreat, together with participation in the retreat activities, and will be on a pass/fail basis.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the retreat, participants will have

- identified important aspects of transferable skills;
- analysed their own strengths and weaknesses in relation to these skills; and
- developed strategic plans to enhance their skills for their postgraduate study, career and whole person development.