



Catalyst Clemente program

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Origins of CCP

Started in New York 1997

Free university accredited education
program for homeless people.

Now in 17 US states and seven
countries

In Australia

Started by ACU in Sydney in 2003

2005 second program in Sydney

Now offers the program in Brisbane,
Melbourne and Perth

In Perth

Launched in February 2008

ECU and Woodside

Offered to people who face significant
life challenges

Partnership -Woodside

Is a sponsor

Provides employees as Learning
partners

Help students mid week

Student requirements

Desire to learn

Willingness to commit to a 12 week program

Literacy level that is sufficient
to read a newspaper

Some stability in their lives

Study Program

Humanities and Arts

4 units

One unit per semester

Max 15 students

ECU provides lecturer

Certificate of Arts and humanities

Subjects/Units

Media Studies

Literature and Social Change

Introduction to Journalism

Gender Studies

First Semester 2009 –
My experience

Introduction to Journalism JOU 2111

15 students

Age range from 22–65

From 10.00–13.00 at Maddington

Textbooks provided

Fees paid by ECU

Challenges

Frequent coffee and smoke breaks

Different levels of competency

Designed the assignments – more hands-on

Understanding their backgrounds

Successes

11 completed the unit

Two will finish the Certificate in 2/2009

One wants to enroll for 1/2010

Immeasurable in terms of self esteem,
self confidence, engagement,
unrealised dreams

Thank You card

Dear Trevor

Thank you for being my lecturer this semester and for giving me the confidence to express myself and show I can succeed.

Thanks Nerissa