This intensive unit (DM1005W) taught by Ian Dicks started from 19 January!

At Moore Potter House, Hawthorn/ 5 X days (19 - 23 Jan, 2015)

Whether you want to interact with people with a different culture and language to your own in the Australian context or live, work and minister overseas, understanding another community’s culture and worldview and having capacity in their language will be essential to this endeavor.

The Culture and Language unit (CAL) at Whitley College this year will prepare people to begin this exciting and enriching journey. During the week-long intensive participants will be introduced to concepts of language and culture development outlined in the Growing Participator’s Approach (GPA), which highlights that language and culture are deeply connected, and that developing language ability and cultural understanding takes place primarily in relationship with others.

During the week participants will also learn the Six Phase Program, a very practical and easy to use tool for growing a cross-cultural worker’s ability to understand and speak with people from any language and culture community. Participants will also learn methods for culture and worldview inquiry, such as Participant Observation and Ethnographic Interviewing, which will help them move toward understanding what other people are doing and why they are doing it from an insider’s perspective.