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Notes from the South Pacific: a research proposal on VET teaching practice at the Australia-Pacific Technical College

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Presentation Aims

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1. Establishment of the Australia-Pacific Technical College
2. Teaching practice, operations and identity at the Australia-Pacific Technical College
3. Research proposal and activity
4. Concluding remarks

Pacific Region and VET

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Establishment of the APTC

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      Australia[Commonwealth Government of Australia] <--> PIF[PIF 2005 PIF 2006]
      PIF <--> PIFN[Pacific Island Forum Nations]
      Australia --> AID[Australian Agency for International Development]
      PIFN --> AID
      AID --> APTC[Australia-Pacific Technical College  
FIJI, PNG, VANUATU & SAMOA]
  
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Design and operations of the Australia-Pacific Technical College

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- APTC School of Tourism and Hospitality (STH)
- APTC School of Health and Community Services (SHCS)
- APTC School of Automotive, Construction, Electrical and Manufacturing (ACEM)
- APTC Coordination Office (CO)

Policy Framework

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International: European Union, World Bank

Regional: Pacific Plan, Pacific Island Forum

National: Education Policy incl. TVET, Trade and Industry, National Workforce Development, Qualifications Frameworks

Local: APTC

Other: PICTA, Pacific Partnerships for Development (PPDs), Millennium Development Goals, G8 and G20

APTC statistics at a glance (Dec '09)



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Applications		
Female	Male	Total
2592	4421	7013

Enrolments			
School	Female	Male	Total
ACEM	40	800	840
SHCS	118	20	138
STH	221	208	429
Total	379	1028	1407

Enrolment by Campus Country				
Country	ACEM	SHCS	STH	Total
Fiji	234	65	135	434
PNG	300	0	0	300
Vanuatu	0	73	191	264
Samoa	286	0	103	389
Total	840	138	429	1407

Graduates			
SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Citizenship	Female	Male	Total
Fiji	29	0	29
Vanuatu	20	1	21
SHCS Total	49	1	50
SCHOOL OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY			
Fiji	117	88	205
Kiribati	12	5	17
Nauru	7	1	8
PNG	29	32	61
Samoa	22	25	47
Salomon Is.	53	32	85
Tonga	37	14	51
Tuvalu	3	0	3
Vanuatu	33	41	74
STH Total	313	238	551

Total No. Graduates			
School	Contract	Other	Total
ACEM	347	22	369
SHCS	50	0	50
STH	561	41	602
Total	948	63	1011

Programs offered at the APTC in STH and SHCS



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Industry Sector	Qualification Level	Location	Teachers working on the program
Hospitality and Tourism: Culinary Patisserie and Bakery Food and Beverage Service Hospitality Supervision	Certificate III and IV	Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu	Fiji - 4 Samoa - 6 Vanuatu - 7
Education: Training and Assessment	Certificate IV	Fiji, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Samoa and Tonga	
Health and Community Services: Children's Services Community Welfare Youth Welfare	Certificate III and Diploma	Fiji and Vanuatu	Fiji - 2 Vanuatu - 1
Personal Services: Hairdressing	Certificate III	Fiji	Fiji - 1

Teaching practice at the APTC



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Teaching practice at the APTC cont.



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Teacher identity at the APTC



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Research proposal and activity



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- Active practitioner and active researcher
- Mixed research methodology
 - Online survey and structured interviews
 - Quantitative and qualitative data collection
- Four locations: Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu and Australia
- Two Schools: STH and SHCS
- Sample size: 28-35
- Time period: 2007 – present

Concluding remarks



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- **Research:** APTC teacher practice and identity at selected sites in the South Pacific
- **Reason:** There is a rich data source waiting to be gathered and analysed
- **Rationale:** Opportunity for teachers and managers to reflect on professional practice



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Vinaka vakalevu
Fa'afetai tele lava
Malo Aupito
Thank You