



## Boost Core Academic Skills with ACE

### Academic Confidence Essentials (ACE)

A modular, self-paced learning resource designed to build essential academic skills and confidence across disciplines. ACE is adaptable for embedding into any course, supporting scaffolded learning aligned with assessment tasks and academic expectations. Its wide range of topics offers academics the flexibility to easily choose and integrate those that best suit their course requirements.

#### Why Embed ACE?

- **Supports scaffolded learning** by aligning with course activities/assessments
- **Strengthens academic literacy** through practical, skills-based modules
- **Flexible, time-efficient design**—20-minute, self-paced activities
- **Reduces pressure on teaching staff** by reinforcing core skills outside the classroom
- **Supports diverse student cohorts**, including equity and pathway students

#### How to Use ACE in Your Course?


- **Embed in Moodle:** As part of weekly content or pre-assessment preparation
- **Recommend Targeted Support:** Direct students to relevant modules
- **Integrate in Tutorials:** Use ACE as a foundation for class activities
- **Facilitate Flipped Learning:** Assign modules before class discussions
- **Monitor Engagement:** Use Moodle analytics to identify support needs


#### Impact and Student Feedback

- 94% of students found ACE helpful in improving their academic skills.
- "After completing the module, I feel like I have a good game plan for approaching assignments."
- "I found the ACE tool incredibly beneficial for developing confidence in tackling assignments, especially breaking down tasks and reviewing rubrics."
- "What is Critical Thinking was a useful toolkit... I'm a STEM student, but I found the points interesting."
- "The overall quality of written assessments improved, particularly in structure and integration of evidence. ACE is the best tool I've had for this purpose" — Senior Lecturer, Nura Gili

#### Ready to Boost Your Students' Academic Confidence with ACE?

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