

## Doctor of Professional Studies (DPST) - DProfSt

---

---

---

---

---

## Admission requirements

Admission is by written application and interview. Students may begin the program in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. To be considered for entry, an applicant must normally possess a bachelor's degree with honours or a master's degree from an Australian University or equivalent, and have the equivalent of at least five years' experience in their field. Anyone wishing to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent qualifications and/or experience should contact the University for consideration for admission on this basis.

## How to apply

### Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

### International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to ustraling stuTwnal

- WBL9008 Workplace-based Project 8 (1unit)
- WBL9009 Workplace-based Project 9 (1unit)
- WBL9010 Workplace-based Project 10 (1unit)
- WBL9011 Workplace-based Project 11 (1unit)
- WBL9012 Workplace-based Project 12 (1unit)
- WBL9013 Workplace-based Project 13 (1unit) (1 unit)
- WBL9014 Workplace-based Project 14 (1unit) (1 unit)
- WBL9015 Workplace-based Project 15 (1unit) (1 unit)
- WBL9016 Workplace-based Project 16 (1unit) (1 unit)

A student's Learning Plan must be approved

technology to facilitate learning, research, and the production of assessment material. A USB2 web-camera may be useful to facilitate communication with USQ Advisors.

Students are referred to recommended hardware and software requirements at <http://www.usq.edu.au/current-students/support/computing/hardware>.

Twenty-four hour computer access is available at USQ.

## Articulation

A graduate from the Master of Professional Studies program or equivalent may articulate into the Doctor of Professional Studies program. Students who have completed or partially completed the Master of Professional Studies program will be given full credit for all courses completed or exemptions given whilst studying that program.

## Exit points

The exit point for students who do not complete the requirements of the Doctor of Professional Studies is the Master of Professional Studies. To be eligible for the award of Master of Professional Studies, students must complete the requirements for that award.

## Exemptions

The Learning Portfolio developed in WBL8000 Workplace-based Learning Portfolio may be submitted for formal assessment of prior learning. Assessment of the Learning Portfolio is the only method of applying for consideration for exemptions for this program. The number of credits granted will vary according to both the level of formal qualifications gained and to the deemed level of informal experience and expertise that can be shown to be of relevance to the program within the portfolio. USQ is a participating university in Education Queensland's Professional Development Pathways initiative, and appropriate credit will be given in accordance with the scheme. For further information on this initiative please contact [http://education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/employee/teachers/pd\\_pathways/pd\\_pathways\\_contact.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/employee/teachers/pd_pathways/pd_pathways_contact.html).

## Recommended enrolment patterns

Students may be admitted to the program at the beginning of Semester 1 or Semester 2.

All students must complete [WBL8000 Workplace-based Portfolio](#), and [WBL8001 Workplace-based Learning Plan](#) or [WBL9001 Workplace-based Learning Plan \(1 unit\)](#) before enrolling in any other courses in the program.

In determining their enrolment pattern students must consider their workload and the maximum time allowed for completion of their program.

It may be possible to take courses during Semester 3 if a candidate wishes to accelerate progression through the program.

## Recommended enrolment pattern for Students who have completed the Master of Professional Studies

Students who have completed the Master of Professional Studies program will enrol in WBL9001 Workplace-based Learning Plan in their first semester of enrolment and will, with the assistance of their Advisor, determine an appropriate Learning Plan and enrolment pattern to complete the program within the maximum allowable time.

**Recommended enrolment pattern for students with no exemptions commencing in Semester 1**

**Footnotes**

- \* Upon completion of the courses in the table above, students will, with the assistance of their Advisor, determine an enrolment pattern to complete the program requirements within the maximum allowable time.