Master of Professional Studies (MPRS) - MProfSt

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time
Program articulation:	To: Doctor of Professional Studies

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- demonstrate a high level of skill in assessing and addressing ethical/confidential concerns in their study and related work activity
- report the results of their projects concerning changes to their workplace in a manner appropriate to their audience
- develop a workplace-based learning plan that integrates theory and practice.

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 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. An applicant with a bachelor degree with honours, or a master's degree, may consider applying for admission to the Doctor of Professional Studies program.

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 defer their fees through a Government loan called FEE-HELP.

International full fee paying place

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The Learning Plan must be approved by the Program Coordinator before students may enrol in any other courses. Modifications may be made to the original plan if this is deemed necessary by the student's USQ advisor but must be re-approved.

Program completion requirements

To graduate from the Master of Professional Studies program a candidate must complete, or be exempted from, eight course units comprising:

- three courses WBL8000 Workplace-based Portfolio, WBL8001 Workplace-based Learning Plan, and WBL8002 Workplace-based Complementary
- five workplace-based learning project units selected from WBL8010 Workplace-based Project (1 unit), WBL8020 Workplace-based Project (2 units), and/or WBL8030 Workplace-based Project (3 units) with at least two of these units being completed as part of the program.

All students must attend a compulsory weekend workshop following their entry into the program. During this workshop, students will have opportunities to:

- be guided through the process of compiling a Learning Portfolio
- be assisted to develop a Learning Plan
- consider requirements for projects
- consult with their advisor
- network with other students to form support groups.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 3 years to complete this program.

Coursework

All students will undertake at least two units of workplace-based project(s) while studying the program. Appropriate knowledge, skills, understanding and expertise required to implement the project(s) will have to be outlined in the Learning Portfolio, or must be covered in WBL8002. In some cases, it will be possible to learn relevant skills as part of the project, provided the learning methodology is indicated in the Learning Plan.

IT requirements

Computer literacy is now expected as part of professional life, and as an integral element in the studying and learning process. Many courses make use of the Internet through online discussion groups and course web pages. Some courses require substantial access to a computer because computer software or CD-ROMs are integral to the material being taught in the course. Students will be required to make use of up-to-date computer technology to facilitate learning, research, and the production of assessment material.

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.

Exit points

The exit point for students who do not complete the requirements of the Master of Professional Studies is the Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Studies (PGradCertProfSt). Students will be eligible for this award if, whilst enrolled in the Master of Professional Studies, they have completed at least 4 units including WBL8000, WBL8001 and two other units from the WBL courses in the student's approved Learning Plan.

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