

# Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies (GCPS) - GradCertProfSt

	Distance education
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	0.5 years full-time, 1.5 years part-time
<b>Program articulation:</b>	To: <a href="#">Master of Professional Studies</a> . Exit point for Master of Professional Studies

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The [Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#) is a level 8 qualification and complies with the Australian Qualification Framework.

## Program focus

The [Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#) focuses on providing opportunities for professionals with the appropriate entry qualifications to:

- enable them to critically review literature to address theoretical and practical questions and issues in their area of professional practice,
- design and implement a work-based project to further investigate these questions and issues.

An essential feature of this program is that participants continue their employment while undertaking projects which integrate disciplined enquiry with complex practical work issues.

## Program objectives

Successful completion of the program will enable graduates to:

- demonstrate specialised understanding within a systemic and coherent body of knowledge including the acquisition and application of knowledge in a professional area of practice
- demonstrate analytical, critical and creative thinking in workplace applications
- postulate directions for investigation of unsolved problems in their workplace
- undertake and write reports on their project relating to their workplace in a professional manner
- demonstrate a high level of skill in identifying, choosing and implementing procedures appropriate for addressing hypotheses
- demonstrate an awareness of the limitations of their project and manage these limitations
- 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 project concerning changes to their workplace in a manner appropriate to their audience
- develop a workplace-based learning plan that integrates theory and practice.

### **Program aims**

The aim of this program is to provide experienced professionals with Graduate Certificate level research opportunities (and some coursework as required) that will engage issues that are relevant and meaningful to them, help to sustain their communities and help to fulfil their lives.

### **Admission requirements**

The [Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#) articulates with the [Master of Professional Studies](#) . Students may elect to complete the [Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#) as a standalone AQF Level 8 qualification or to articulate into the [Master of Professional Studies](#) . program. The [Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#) is also an exit qualification for [Master of Professional Studies](#) . students who meet the [Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#) completion requirements (completion of [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) and [WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A](#)).

Admission is by completed online application. 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 three years' experience in their field of professional practice. An

