

## Master of Professional Studies . (MPRS) - MProfSt

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [MPST Master of Professional Studies](#) which will be offered from Semester 2, 2013.

	Distance education
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time
<b>Program articulation:</b>	To:

### Contact us

Current students
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Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy [English language requirements](#).

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

## 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](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

### International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

## Program structure

The [MPRS Master of Professional Studies](#) . program is an 8 unit program consisting of a core course:

- [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#)

and three workplace-based project units from:

- [WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A](#)
- [WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B](#)
- [WRP8012 Work-based Research Project C](#)

OR

- [WRP8020 Work-based Research: Publishable Paper](#)

AND/OR

- [WBL8001 Workplace-based Learning Plan](#)(1 unit as needed)

## Program completion requirements

To graduate from the [MPRS Master of Professional Studies](#) . program a candidate must complete, or be exempted from, eight course units comprising: .

- [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#)
- [WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A](#)
- [WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B](#)
- [WRP8012 Work-based Research Project C](#)

OR

- [WRP8020 Work-based Research: Publishable Paper](#)

AND/OR

- [WBL8001 Workplace-based Learning Plan](#)(1 unit as needed)

All students must attend a compulsory weekend workshop following their entry into the program. During the 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.

## 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 [MPRS Master of Professional Studies .](#) is the . Students will be eligible for this award if, whilst enrolled in the [Master of Professional Studies .](#), they have completed at least 4 units including, [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) and two other units from the WRP courses in the student's approved Learning Plan.

## Credit

The Learning Portfolio developed in [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) may be submitted for formal assessment of prior learning. Assessment of the Learning Portfolio is the only method of applying for consideration for credit 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. Credit granted may be non-course specific. USQ is a participating university in the 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 pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, distance education or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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

Students should undertake the course [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) before enrolling in any other courses in the program.

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

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