

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
Semester intake:	No new admissions
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:

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Program aims

The program aims to provide opportunities for professionals with the appropriate entry qualifications to gain postgraduate qualifications and enable them to critically review literature to address theoretical and practical questions and issues in their workplace field, and to design and implement projects 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 analytical, critical and creative thinking in workplace applications;
- postulate directions for the investigation of unsolved problems in their workplace;
- undertake and write reports on projects 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 projects 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 projects concerning changes to their workplace in a manner appropriate to their audience; and
- develop a workplace-based learning plan that integrates theory and practice.

Admission requirements

Admission is by completed online application and interview. 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.

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 [GCPS Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies](#). 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.

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