Doctor of Professional Studies (DPRS) - DProfSt

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Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)							
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme							
Standard duration:	3 years full–time, with the expectation that the degree will be completed in no more than 8 years part–time							
Program articulation:	From: Master of Professional Studies							

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Program objectives

On successful completion of the program, students should be able to:

- Identify work place issues, possible solutions and change initiatives
- demonstrate working at the leading edge of practice underpinned by theoretical understanding
- develop cognitive skills that demonstrates intellectual independence and a high level of critical thinking in generating original knowledge
- contribute to the advancement of knowledge relating to professional practice and leadership in their chosen profession
- apply knowledge and skills at a doctoral level acquired through research training embedded in the program to plan and execute original research
- integrate empirical, methodological and theoretical knowledge that engages current work-based issues and contributes to their practice as a professional
- demonstrate the capacity to add value to, and to help to sustain, contemporary learning communities in their profession
- demonstrate awareness of ethical dilemmas and conflicting values which may arise in professional practice and work situations
- take into account complex, unpredictable, specialised work contexts requiring innovative approaches, which involve exploring current limits of knowledge and, in particular, interdisciplinary approaches and understanding
- develop and extend a commitment to lifelong education and to fulfilling their own lives, organisational aims and those of others
- demonstrate communication skills to explain and present a complex investigation of originality for external
 examination against international standards for dissemination amongst peers and the community both
 nationally and internationally.

Program aims

The aim of this program is to provide experienced professionals with doctoral level research opportunities (and some coursework as required) that will engage issues and develop original knowledge that is relevant and meaningful to their professional capabilities, helps to build capacity in their practice environments / communities and helps to contribute to their self-awareness and intellectual independence.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical v

Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program will have their tuition fees paid by the Australian Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset scheme. The RTP Fees Offset scheme covers program fees for an HDR student up to a maximum period of four years for full-time study or up to eight years part-time study for a Doctoral program, and up to a maximum period of two years for full-time or four years part-time for a Masters by Research program.

As part of the enrolment process, students are required to submit proof of citizenship or permanent residency status and transcripts of all previous academic study. This documentation enables the University of Southern Queensland to determine eligibility for an RTP Fees Offset place.

If a student's RTP Fees Offset entitlement expires before completion of the program, the student will be required to pay full tuition fees.

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the previous three years; or
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Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 8 years and a minimum 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. Students must have reliable and ready access to e-mail and the internet. Broadband access would be a significant advantage.

Please refer to computer requirements

Twenty-four hour computer access is available at USQ.

Exit points

Students must maintain good standing in this program. These are assessed on a per-semester basis and are required for further enrolment. Students' completion of WRP9000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies A and WRP9001 Fundamentals of Professional Studies B are required in determining the students' confirmation of candidature to continue their doctoral studies. Students who do not pass these courses exit the program without further award.

The award of Master of Professional Studies may be recommended by doctoral program examiners in the event of an unsuccessful examination of the WRP9002 Work-Based Research Project dissertation or equivalent work submitted for examination

The Master of Professional Studies may also be awarded to a student seeking to exit from the doctoral program by submitting work associated with their progress for independent examination at the requisite Master of Professional Studiesdegree level. The requirements of the Masters qualification must be fully met, with final reports completed, examined and passed.

Recommended enrolment patterns

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external 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 or Semester 3. Students enrol in the 2 unit course WRP9002 Work-Based Research Project prior to the commencement of each semester. Note: The research project is structured as a maximum of ten x 2-unit courses for accounting and administrative purposes.

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