

## Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies (GCPS) - GradCertProfSt

	<b>External</b>
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place

## **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 volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## **Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree or equivalent, and
- A minimum of three years' work experience in the chosen field of professional practice.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

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. Credit awarded within the [Master of Professional Studies](#) is not carried across to the Graduate Certifi

- Completion of the course [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) (2 units)
- Completion of the course [WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A](#) (2 units). As part of the work based research project, a student will prepare a plan that includes information on the specific learning outcomes that are to be achieved through the research project.

### **Program completion requirements**

To graduate from the Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies a candidate must complete four course units at USQ as stipulated in the Recommended Enrolment Pattern below.

### **Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of 2 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. This course requires substantial access to a computer and the internet. Students will be required to make use of up-to-date computer technology to facilitate learning, research, and the production of assessment material. Please refer to [computer requirements](#)