# Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching (GDTL) - GradDipL&T

CRICOS code (International applicants): 055149B

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 Master of Learning and Teaching.

	On-campus	Online
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration	1 year full-time, up to 4 years part-time	2

#### Notes:

The GDTL (Secondary) program ended in other states in 2015 and was only extended in Queensland until the start of Semester 1, 2017. All other Australian jurisdictions now have a two (2) year post-graduate initial teacher education program.

The end of the one (1) year GDTL (Secondary) program has caused a significant influx of GDTL (Secondary) students. This influx has placed significant pressure on Secondary schools in Queensland to provide placements. The result is that schools are now restricting placements and USQ has little capacity to influence schools to increase the number of practicum students.

Given the mandatory number of days of professional experience required across only two semesters, this has resulted in delayed professional experience placements.

Given these conditions, the places in the GDTL (Secondary) program have been allocated and no more places will be provided.

Although the University will not be offering any further places in the GDTL (Secondary) for the last intake in Semester 1, 2017, we do have a new two-year Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary) (MOLT) program available for commencement in Semester 2, 2017 and we strongly encourage you to consider the MOLT and submit an application for the new MOLT program.

If you would like any further information regarding the new; Master of Learning and Teaching(Secondary) program, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Compulsory Induction:** A compulsory induction must be undertaken prior to your first semester of study. This will occur in February for semester 1 commencement or June for semester 2 commencement. The induction is offered in online mode for both semesters.

A Primary specialisation is available in the 16-unit; Master of Learning and Teaching

## Contact us

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7 4631 5315		7 4631 2285
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### Professional accreditation

The Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching is accredited with the Queensland College of Teachers.

Please direct any enquires regarding this requirement to BELA-AcademicSupport@usq.edu.au. All students, domestic and international, must complete the majority of supervised professional experience in Australian Secondary school settings.

## **Program aims**

The Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching program aims to graduate students who demonstrate:

- the knowledge, skills, practices and values inherent in the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers
- the qualities and skills required of a USQ graduate (see USQ's Qualities of a Graduate Policy)
- high levels of personal and professional literacies
- awareness, understanding and positive orientation towards redressing the educational disadvantages experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students.

## **Admission requirements**

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

- Completion of a three-year Bachelor degree, in a discipline other than education.
- Minimum of 4.0 Grade Point Average.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 5.

Applicants are advised to also note the following:

- Secondary pathway applicants must demonstrate knowledge in two defined Teaching Areas in their first degree or other studies. For assistance refer to Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.
- All applicants must show how their prior studies meet these requirements by submitting a completed Teaching Areas form Form G with their application.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable other td

## 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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.

## **Program structure**

The one-year Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching requires 8 units. A minimum of two semesters of study must be undertaken.

Duration and mode of offer	One year full-time, or equivalent
Mode	On-campus or online
Units	8 units, including 75 days of professional experience. Professional experience placements may be scheduled outside usual University teaching weeks. Travel to locations away from the areas local to the student's home campus may be necessary in order to complete the professional experience requirements. Professional experience must be completed in at least two different schools.

## **Program completion requirements**

In order to complete the Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching, a student must complete 8 speci

## Major studies objectives

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In addition to the whole-of-program aims described above, the Secondary specialisation aims to prepare graduates with sound levels of discipline and pedagogic content knowledge in their nominated Teaching Areas and who will thus be able to apply a range of teaching and learning approaches to support the development of knowledge, understanding and skills that will help students around 12 - 18 years of age (years 7 - 12) to reach their full potential through secondary schooling. For assistance refer to Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

## **Professional experience**

The Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching program complies with all requirements of the Queensland College of Teachers in terms of the minimum number of supervised days mandated (55) and the College's minimum requirements for the total number of days of professional experience overall (75).

All students, domestic and international, must complete the majority of supervised professional experience in Australian Secondary school settings.

Within the Secondary strand, the professional experience components of the program are all tied to four courses, so that students undertake two professional experience placements in both semesters of full-time enrolment.

In order to undertake the courses to which professional experience placements are attached in the second half of the program, students must have successfully completed the entire previous year's Professional Experience courses in order to enrol in this course. Students must be available for a prescribed period of time to undertake a placement in a school or other approved site as required in this course. State law in Queensland (Australia) requires that all adults working/undertaking Professional Experience practica/researching with children under the age of 18, in the state of Queensland must hold a valid Blue Card or Exemption Card . If undertaking placement outside of Queensland you must ensure that all relevant checks are completed and evidence of this is provided to the Professional Experience Team. For EDM8004 Teacher Identity there is the additional requirement that students undertaking the embedded placement in a Queensland school will need to have been granted an Internship Authority by the Queensland College of Teachers.

It is highly recommended that for the Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching enrolment pattern students do the first professional experience course EDG5000 Designing for Learning in their first semester so they will be able to decide if teaching is for them.

Visit the placement forms website for further information.

## IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. Broadband would be a significant advantage. See minimum computing standards

## Other program requirements

The major program requirements are the satisfactory completion of 8 specified units and 75 days of approved professional experience. State law in Queensland (Australia) requires that all adults working/undertaking Professional Experience practica/researching with children under the age of 18, in the state of Queensland must hold a valid Blue Card or Exemption Card . If undertaking placement outside of Queensland you must ensure that all relevant checks are completed and evidence of this is provided to the Professional Experience Team.

All students, domestic and international, must complete the majority of supervised professional experience in Australian Secondary school settings.

A 30-hour induction program, compulsory for all students regardless of location or mode of enrolment/study is held prior to commencing formal studies in the first semester of enrolment. Students must complete the virtual induction program prior to commencement of the first semester of formal study.

#### Credit

There is no credit available for courses completed in the degree that formed the basis for the student's admission to the program, but students who have completed degrees or diplomas in addition to the degree that formed the basis of their admission to the program may apply for any credit that may be applicable from that source.

Students may seek credit from courses on the basis of documented prior study at University level or equivalent qualifications and experience. Such applications will be considered on their merits in relation to the extent to which the documentation supplied by the student demonstrates a clear match with the objectives of the course for which the credit is sought. A maximum of four units of credit may be allowable.

Students who have documented evidence of satisfactory work in the role of teacher (or similar) may be eligible to seek credit for some of the required days of professional experience on the basis of recognition of current competence. Such applications must be supported by formal documentation from a school principal on school letterhead. The maximum credit available in such circumstances shall not exceed 15 days.

## Secondary recommended enrolment pattern (continuing students)

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 should not make changes to this pattern without first contacting the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for advice.

It is highly recommended that for the Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching enrolment pattern students do the first professional experience course EDG5000 in their first semester so they will be able to decide if teaching is for them.

Students following a non-standard enrolment pattern should consult the course synopses section to ascertain if a course is offered in another term.

**Note:** minimum enrolment numbers apply to all courses. Should enrolments not meet the minimum number required, students may be transferred to a different mode or offering and advised of this change prior to semester start.

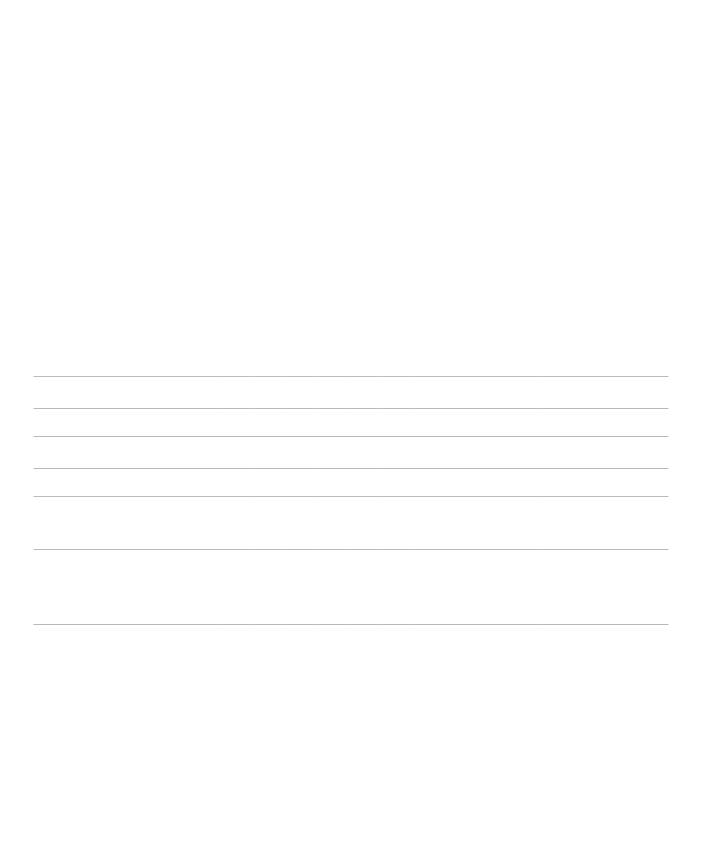
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### Footnotes

<sup>\*</sup> Students must have completed EDG5000 before undertaking this course or be enrolled in or EDG5000 in the same semester.

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