

Program objectives

Students who successfully complete the Master of Education will have acquired advanced knowledge and understanding of key issues and trends within contemporary education and/or of a specialised area of education. Graduates will be able to demonstrate:

- advanced theoretical and technical knowledge in one or more disciplines or areas of practice
- the ability to analyse critically, evaluate and transform information to complete a range of activities
- the ability to analyse, generate and transmit solutions to complex problems
- the ability to transmit knowledge, skills and ideas to others
- the ability to apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed judgement, adaptability and responsibility as a practitioner or learner
- the ability to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or professionally focused project.

Australian Qualifications Frame

Electives/Approved courses

EDU8406 Theories for Learning Futures		2
EDU8415 Multi-Modal Texts and New Literacies		1
EDU8605 Building Communities of Practice		1
EDU8606 Lifelong Career Development		1
EDU8701 Teaching and Learning in Contemporary Contexts: Theory and Practice		1
EDU8705 Personal Pedagogy in Context [^]		1
EDU8712 Contemporary Approaches to Alternative Education		3
EDU8719 Contemporary Issues Conference		2
LAW8710 Australian Law for School Managers		2
LIN5000 The Nature of Language	1	1,2
LIN8003 Language Program Management		2
LIN8001 Principles of Second Language Learning	1	1,2
LIN8002 Methodology in Teaching a Second Language	2	2
LIN8006 Computer-Assisted Language Learning	2	1,2
LIN8007 Language and Literacy Assessment		1,3
LIN8015 Introduction to Sociolinguistics	2	2,3
LIN8019 Teaching Languages to Young Learners		2

Footnotes

* Students should note that not all discipline courses are available every year. When planning their enrolment patterns, students should refer to that year's schedule of course offers.

[^] This course is offered in odd-numbered years.

[†] This course is offered in even-numbered years.

IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. See [minimum computing standards](#) for more information.

Articulation

The Master of Education articulates from the [Graduate Certificate of Education](#).

On completion of the Master of Education, students may be eligible for entry into the [Doctor of Education](#) or the [Doctor of Philosophy](#), provided they meet necessary entry requirements.

Exit points

Students who successfully complete a minimum of four units of the Master of Education program will be eligible to exit with a [Graduate Certificate of Education](#) in a specified area or with a non-specified award.

Students who successfully complete a defined sequence of eight units (six units from their specialisation and two other courses from the program) in the Master of Education will be eligible to exit with a Graduate Diploma of Education (GDEU).

Students wishing to exit with one of these awards are advised to contact the Faculty of Business Education Law and Arts.

Credit

Credit may be granted on the basis of completed equivalent postgraduate study from a recognised university. In order for credit to be granted, the claim must meet the following specific requirements:

- the course was passed within five years prior to the application (courses up to 10 years old may be considered if evidence is provided that the applicant has been employed in that field)

- the course passed is sufficiently equivalent in objectives, content and weightings to a course prescribed in the Master of Education, or alternatively, a suitable discipline course
- the maximum credit granted is no greater than six units for the Master of Education
- credit approved in the Master of Education will not automatically apply to other programs offered by the USQ.

Claims for credit should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment in a course. Each claim will be assessed on individual merit in line with USQ policy. Please contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for further information.

Enrolment

Students will enrol in the Master of Education on either a full-time or a part-time basis. International on-campus students must be enrolled full-time.

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 the change prior to semester start.

Guidance and Counselling specialisation (Online)

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 seeking employment as a guidance officer in Queensland will usually require a four-year degree as a pre-requisite to entering this program. You should check the requirements with your prospective employer prior to enrolling.

This specialisation prepares teachers for work as a guidance officer, guidance counsellor or school counsellor. Students can prepare themselves for a career in developmental guidance work (Primary), Counselling and Career Work (Secondary) or a combination of both (P-12) through the selection of courses in the enrolment pattern below.

The specialisation generally meets the registration criteria for the [Queensland Guidance and Counselling Association](#).

Students from outside Queensland who are intending to use this specialisation for professional accreditation should consult the relevant registration bodies.

Required courses:





