

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

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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 Av

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 specified units of study. See the table below:

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

Language Proficiency All students must demonstrate their English language proficiency by providing a recent IELTS test of 7.5 or higher (with no subset of less than 7.0 in any of the four skills areas, and a score of no less than 8 in speaking and listening), either on entry to or on graduation from the program.

Secondary (7-12)
First Semester
EDG5000 Designing for Learning
EDC2100 Managing Supportive Learning Environments
EDS4250 Literacy across the Curriculum
EDS2401 Middle Phase Curriculum and Pedagogy
Second Semester
EDG3000 Designing for Diversity
EDS3450 Senior Phase Curriculum and Pedagogy
EDX3250 Adolescence: Issues and Challenges
EDM8004 Teacher Identity

Students must also complete all requirements associated with an initial 30-hour Induction Program prior to the first semester of study.

Required time limits

To ensure eligibility to apply for registration with QCT, the Secondary major must be finished by the end of 2018.

Major studies

All students must enrol in the Secondary specialisation (understood, in Queensland, as the school years 7 – 12).

Major studies objectives

Secondary

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).

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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](#).

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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.

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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.

Secondary part-time (2 year) 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.

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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 semester.

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.



