

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:

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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
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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

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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 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 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 degree 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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