

## Doctor of Education (DEDU) - EdD

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area please [contact us](#) directly

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This program is at AQF Qualification Level 10. Graduates at this level will have systematic and critical understanding of a complex field of learning and specialised research skills for the advancement of learning and/or for professional practice.

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 a relevant Australian university Masters degree with a GPA equivalent to at least 5.0 on the USQ grade scale, or a Bachelor degree with Honours (First Class or Second Class (Division A)), or equivalent qualification in education or a related field from a recognised university.
- have a documented record of normally three years full-time equivalent of teaching or other professional experience in Education or a cognate field and current or recent employment in relevant professional practice.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Admission to all graduate programs is highly competitive owing to limited capacities. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

## **Program fees**

### **Domestic full fee paying place**

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

### **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](#).

## **Research**

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the pre

- a text-based artefact (e.g., creative work of fiction, poetry, professional development resource, policy) must be substantively different from the portfolio thesis in which it is the focus of scholarly enquiry. The text of the artefact is not included in the word-count of the portfolio thesis.

The research activities and workload required to produce the portfolio thesis and artefacts will be equivalent to that of the standard thesis, thesis by publication or thesis with creative works.

## Program completion requirements

The award of the Doctor of Education requires the successful completion of:

- all required coursework (6 units), and
- external examination of a research portfolio representing work completed in the balance of the program.

## Required time limits

Candidates will normally complete the program within six years of part-time study and have a maximum of eight years (part-time) to complete this program.

## Major studies

Candidates for the Doctor of Education may undertake research in a variety of specialised topics subject to the availability of research supervision. Supervision is typically available for topics related to specialisations offered in the Master of Education. For further information about supervision see the [Find a USQ Expert page](#).

## IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to e-mail and the Internet. Broadband would be a significant advantage. See [minimum computing standards](#) for more information.

## Exit points

Students who complete the coursework component of the Doctor of Education program and who are not able to complete the research component of the program will be able to transfer 4 units of credit to the postgraduate studies at the University of Southern Queensland and, subject to meeting relevant requirements, exit with a Graduate Certificate of Education.

## 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, the course is suitable as an elective
- the maximum credit granted is no greater than six courses for the Master of Education or equivalent
- credit approved in this program 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. Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other programs offered by USQ. Please contact the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts for further information.

## Enrolment

Students enrol in the Doctor of Education on a part-time basis.

