

# Doctor of Professional Studies (DPRS) - DProfSt

CRICOS code (International applicants): 0100909

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.

	On-campus	Online
<b>Start:</b>	No new admissions	No new admissions
<b>Campus:</b>	Toowoomba	-
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme
<b>Standard duration:</b>	3 years full-time, with the expectation that the degree will be completed in no more than 8 years part-time	
<b>Program articulation:</b>	From: <a href="#">Master of Professional Studies (Research)</a>	

## Contact us

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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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- develop and extend a commitment to lifelong education and to fulfilling their own lives, organisational aims and those of others
- demonstrate communication skills to explain and present a complex investigation of originality for external examination against international standards for dissemination amongst peers and the community both nationally and internationally.

## **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 volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

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 an Australian university Bachelor degree with honours or a Master's degree or equivalent, and
- A minimum of five years' work experience in the chosen field of professional practice
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Admission is by written application and interview.

Anyone wishing to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent qualifications and/or experience should contact the University for consideration for admission on this basis.

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 (I)Tj 5 TFII fees pA

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## **Program completion requirements**

Award of a Doctor of Professional Studies requires the successful external examination of the student's dissertation of research outcomes, work based research project/s and professional learning (minimum 60,000 words).

## **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 UniSQ.

## **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 and WRP9001 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 [Master of Professional Studies \(Research\)](#) 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 [Master of Professional Studies \(Research\)](#) 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 [Master of Professional Studies \(Research\)](#) degree level. The requirements of the Masters qualification must be fully met, with final reports completed, examined and passed.

## **Recommended enrolment patterns**

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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Elective course			1,2,3	1,2,3				