Master of Education (8 units) (MED1) - MEd

CRICOS code (International applicants): 042226A

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the Master of Education (Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) or Master of Education (Full Fee Paying (FFP)) **.**

	On-campus*#+	**Online***
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year full-time, up to 4 years part-time	
Program	From: ; Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Linguistics; Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Development;	

New Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) offer enhanced opportunities for professional engagement and will be an important tool for educators in the twenty-first century. The Master of Education program will model the use of ICTs to support professional interaction and learning.

The Master of Education program thus aims to develop in its graduates the capabilities and dispositions to work as engaged professional educators in contemporary knowledge building communities.

Program objectives

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.

Program completion requirements

To be awarded a Master of Education degree, a student must have completed eight approved education-related units at postgraduate level, of which at least four must be at level 8.

USQ course codes consist of 3 alpha characters indicating the area of study and four numerals of which the first represents the level of difficulty of the course. Level 5 indicates first level postgraduate courses. Level 8 courses can be expected to require more extensive work with theory and conceptualisation and to place more demands on the level of response in student work.

Program structure

The program consists of 8 units of postgraduate study. Two specialisations are available to students, TESOL or Special Education (for other areas please refer to MED3.

The coursework pathway centres on the completion of a specified major (specialisation), involving either five units of related courses. Depending upon the requirements of specified majors, students may select one or two discipline courses. These discipline courses will normally be chosen from the education list of available postgraduate courses.

- Some courses have pre-requisites. Students should check the course specifications in the process of planning the order of their study patterns.
- Some courses have assessment work that can be completed only if the student has access to an appropriate workplace, for example: TAFE, schools, pre-school settings, or other education or training environments. Students without access to an appropriate workplace would be unable to complete the requirements for these courses.
- In Queensland, students who will come into contact with children under the age of 18 in the course of their studies will require a current Blue Card or Exemption Card indicating suitability for working with children. Further information is available from the Education Placements website.

Opportunity to focus on a specialised area of study

The Master of Education program allows for the preparation of graduates with advanced knowledge in a particular area of education and enhanced capabilities for extending their own professional learning. A student

EDU8712		3
EDU8719 Contemporary Issues Conference		2
LAW8710 Australian Law for Educators		2
LIN5000 The Nature of Language	1,2	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 Technology-Enhanced Language Teaching	1	1,2
LIN8007 Language and Literacy Assessment		1,3
LIN8015	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.

There are numerous ways in which a student might select their discipline courses in order to create a focus for their studies. Examples of just six of the many possible focus areas and associated clusters of courses include the following:

For an **Early Childhood** focus choose from:

- EDU5010
- EDU5325 Child Abuse and Neglect: Intervention, Protection and Prevention
- EDU8007
- EDU8011
- EDU8311

For an **Educational Technology** focus choose from:

- EDU5112
- EDU8114 Online Pedagogy in Practice
- EDU8111
- EDU8117

For an **Pedagogy and Culture** focus choose from:

- EDU5703
- EDU5704 Popular Culture as Curriculum and Pedagogy

For a **Curriculum and Pedagogy** focus choose from:

- EDU5705
- EDU5713
- EDU8705 Personal Pedagogy in Context ^

^   This course is offered in odd-numbered years.

For a **Further Education and Training** focus choose from:

- EDU5601 Designing for Flexible Learning Environments^
- EDU8605
- EDU8606 Lifelong Career Development

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For a **Contemporary Literacies** focus choose from:

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professional development activity. Such projects, approved in advance at the discretion of the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts are covered by enrolment in EDU5760 Professional Study.

Research

Refer to MED3.

The research pathway consists of 4 units of study, commencing with EDR8000 and concluding with 3 units of project work in EDR8060 and EDR8061 Master of Education Project.

IT requirements

Some courses in the Master of Education program are offered entirely online. Courses use email and discussion forums for communication among students and/or staff. All courses expect that work submitted for assessment will be word processed and submitted electronically. Further, a small number of courses require access to specific software. As new courses are introduced and existing courses are revised, it is anticipated that they will make more extensive use of the Internet for communication and access to course materials and other resources. This will apply to courses offered on-campus as well as in other modes.

Although there are no specific computer hardware or software requirements for the Master of Education program in general, it is a clear expectation that students will have ready access to a computer with common productivity software and Internet access. Some courses may require additional software and/or a more capable computer. Information about such requirements is included in the relevant course specifications.

Courses offered online (WEB) do not provide for delivery of printed materials. Students enrolling in such courses must have ongoing convenient and reliable access to the Internet in order to access course materials and participate in activities that will affect participation, learning and assessment. See minimum computing standards for more information.

Articulation

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Plus 1 discipline course selected from EDU5322 , EDU5321 Educating Students with Special Needs, EDU5713 , EDU8324 Learning Difficulties: Reading, EDU8326 Learning Difficulties: Mathematics, EDU8606 Lifelong Career Development or EDU8338 Autism

Notes:

Some courses require access to workplaces.

Some courses require residential schools or equivalent on-line activities.

TESOL major (On-campus Toowoomba and 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.

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LIN5000 The Nature of Language	1	1,2			1	1,2	
LIN8001 Principles of Second Language Learning	1	1,2				1	
LIN8002 Methodology in Teaching a Second Language	1	1,2			1	2	
Any 2 of the following 3 courses							
LIN8006 Technology-Enhanced Language Teaching	1	1				1,2	
LIN8015	1	2				2,3	
EDR8005 Discourse Analysis	1	1				1,2	
Plus 3 discipline courses Selected from the table of Education postgraduate discipline courses (subject to prerequisites and/or other requirementsm(requireme(subjectappr0 1 62.628 363(w531Tm(prerequisv 1 343.761 5564311(							

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