

# Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering (GDNS) - GradDipProfEng

CRICOS code (International applicants): 067688J

You are currently viewing the 2023 Handbook. For study in 2024, please refer to the [2024 UniSQ Handbook](#).

Please be advised that this program will be transitioning from Semester to Trimester study periods in 2024. Trimester 1 starts on 22 January 2024. Read more in our [new academic calendar FAQs](#).

	On-campus <sup>^</sup>	External
<b>Start:</b>	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
<b>Campus:</b>	Toowoomba	-
<b>Fees:</b>	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
<b>Standard duration:</b>	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time	
<b>Program articulation:</b>	From: <a href="#">Graduate Certificate of Professional Engineering</a> , To: <a href="#">Master of Professional Engineering</a>	

## Notes:

In 2023 the program follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

## Footnotes

<sup>^</sup> Semester 3 intake for Domestic students On-campus and External. For International Students External intake only.

## Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
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## Professional accreditation

The Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering is not accredited by any professional bodies other than the University of Southern Queensland.

## Program objectives

On completion of this program graduates should be able to:

- demonstrate and interpret an integrated understanding of a complex body of knowledge in one or more disciplines or areas of practice; and
- apply specialised cognitive and technical skills in an advanced body of knowledge or practice in one or more disciplines or areas of practice; and

- critically analyse and reflect upon sources of information to interpret and transmit knowledge, skills and ideas to specialist and non-specialist audiences.

## Program Rules

### **Students are required to:**

- Satisfactorily complete 8 credit points as listed in the standard progression to graduate from the program.
- Satisfactorily complete all courses within 4 years.
- Maintain satisfactory academic achievement throughout the duration of the program, consistent with the UniSQ [Student Academic Progress Procedure](#).
- Meet all mandatory course requirements including attendance of mandatory residential school requirements where this is present in courses.

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### **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 Schedule](#)

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, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

## **Program structure**

The Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering comprises eight single unit academic courses as follows:

**Schedule A:** Four Core courses (four units)

**Schedule B:** Four Specialisation courses (four units)

## **Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

## **Specialisation**

The specialisation study provides students with knowledge and skills in a specific discipline. The specialisation study areas in the Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering are:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Agricultural Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Engineering Management and Enterprise
- Environmental Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Power Engineering
- Structural Engineering

## **IT requirements**

For information technology requirements, please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

## **Articulation**

The [Graduate Certificate of Professional Engineering](#), the Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering, and the [Master of Professional Engineering](#) are a nested suite of programs. Students who have completed the Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering from prior engineering degree awards are able to apply to articulate with 6-8 credits (depends on selectives taken) to the [Master of Professional Engineering](#).

Students who have completed the Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering from prior science degree awards are able to apply to articulate with partial credit to the [Master of Professional Engineering](#). Credit / Exemptions applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



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**Electrical and Electronic Engineering specialisation recommended enrolment pattern**

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