



Graduate Programs in Student Welfare and Guidance

The Faculty of Education at La Trobe University is a world class centre of learning, offering programs to both Australian residents and students from overseas at all levels from undergraduate to Masters and PhD. Specialist coursework studies for people interested in student welfare or educational counselling and guidance are available at Graduate Diploma and Masters level. Expert supervision is also available for research Masters, EdD and PhD.

The student welfare and guidance programs provide a professional qualification for Student Welfare coordinators or for teachers or other professionals interested in developing a career path in student welfare or associated roles. The program requires no previous counselling experience and is designed to provide additional skills and understandings to people who are employed or seeking employment in a student-welfare oriented role in their school or institution.

Flexible study options

The programs offer flexibility in modes of study and unit selection, with the opportunity to undertake units within the Faculty of Education and across other Faculties of the University in areas of interest that are relevant to your own employment situation. The programs are structured to ensure that students address key issues in student welfare while at the same time providing substantial scope in elective units of study to meet individual needs. Elective units may be selected from those available in the Faculty of Education or programs of study can be customised to include other disciplines or professions.

Modes of delivery

All lectures and workshops are delivered either as evening classes or in intensive block mode at weekends and during school vacation periods. Thus, it is possible to continue with employment while undertaking the course.

Duration

Both full-time and part-time study is available. 120 credit points is equivalent to one year of full-time study over 2 semesters. International students must have a full-time study load.

Graduate Diploma in Student Welfare

The course consists of 120 credit points of study. The Graduate Diploma is a pathway to Masters and can be taken as Year 1 of the 2-year Master of Arts in Student Welfare and Guidance or other relevant Masters programs in Education. Students must enrol in a minimum of 80 credit points of Education units. The remaining 40 credit points may be selected from the Education listing or from other disciplines subject to the approval of the course coordinator.

Entry requirements for Graduate Diploma

A bachelor degree, teaching qualification or equivalent tertiary qualification; special entry will be considered for those with approved alternative qualifications and experience.

Advanced Standing (Credit)

Students may apply for advanced standing with a corresponding fee reduction of up to 40 credit points for approved external studies or approved professional development undertaken with assessment.

Master of Arts in Student Welfare and Guidance

Please refer to the table of study units listed on the reverse side of the leaflet. Candidates who have a recognised teaching qualification are eligible to undertake a one year or part-time equivalent Master's program by coursework only consisting of 120 credit points of study. Those who wish to do



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a minor thesis rather than complete the program by all coursework, and who have no prior qualification or experience in student welfare and guidance, will require an extended program of 3 semesters full-time or the equivalent part-time and 180 credit points of study.

Expert supervision is also available for those wishing to undertake a major research thesis.

Please refer to the Master of Education leaflet for a full description of the four study strands available at Master's level or to the La Trobe University Postgraduate Handbook: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/handbook/pgindex.htm>

Entry requirements for the Masters program

Candidates with a bachelor degree are eligible for entry to the 2-year 240 credit point program. Those with a graduate Bachelor of Education, an Honours degree or a relevant Graduate Diploma from a recognised University are eligible for entry to the 120 credit point one year full-time or part-time equivalent program.

Units of Study

For full unit descriptions, please refer to the Master of Arts in Student Welfare and Guidance or the Graduate Diploma in Student Welfare in the Postgraduate University Handbook: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/handbook/pgindex.htm>

Campus Availability

The student welfare and guidance programs are offered at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus and at the Albury-Wodonga campus. Availability of study units will vary on each campus during the academic year. Please refer to the La Trobe University Postgraduate Handbook for details: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/handbook>

	Unit Name	Credit Points
Core	Research Methods in Education (Masters only)	20
	Select at least 2 from:	
	Approaches to Pastoral Care	20
	'At Risk Students': critical considerations	20
	Approaches to Humanistic Psychology	20
	Counselling Workshop	20
	Field Experience in School Counselling and Guidance (Masters only)	20
Electives	Classroom Discipline and Student Responsibility	20
	Holistic Education	20
	Interpersonal and Communication Skills	20
	Leadership and Team Building	20
	Intercultural Communication and Education	20
	The Person Centred Approach to Teaching and Counselling	
	Working With Different Learning Needs	20
	Minor Thesis (Masters only)	60
Approved alternative elective unit/s		

Commencement Dates

The course can be commenced in either Semester 1 or Semester 2. Please note that some units of study may be offered during the January summer vacation period.

Tuition Fees

Australian and New Zealand students

'Fee-paying' places are available. Australian citizens are eligible to defer tuition fees by using the FEE-Help loan scheme. Further information on FEE-Help can be found at website: www.goingtouni.gov.au

For further information on course fees, please refer to the Faculty of Education website: www.latrobe.edu.au/education/fees

Further Information and How to Apply

Australian and New Zealand students

An application form can be downloaded from the website: www.latrobe.edu.au/education/courses

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International students

International students should refer to the www.latrobe.edu.au/international website for details. An application form can be downloaded from: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/assets/downloads/pg_app.pdf