



Master of Education

The Master of Education is designed for graduates with a background in education. The Master of Education is particularly relevant to professional growth for excellence in teaching, promotional opportunities and research in the field. The program offers flexibility in modes of study and the opportunity to select study units in your preferred area of interest. The Master of Education may be completed by coursework, research or a combination of both.

The Master of Education is offered at the Bendigo, Bundoora and Albury-Wodonga campuses.



Specialist areas of study available within the Master of Education program include:

- Curriculum and educational studies;
- Language and literacy;
- Leadership and management;
- Professional issues; and
- Student welfare and guidance.

In addition Specialist Masters Programs are available in:

- Special Education;
- Applied Learning;
- Outdoor Education;
- Science and Technology;
- TESOL;
- Applied Linguistics

Please refer to the relevant brochures for more information on these specialist areas.

Entry Requirements

A four year Bachelor degree in Education or its equivalent.

Program structure

The Master of Education is a 120 credit point program. This equates to one year of full time study or two to three years part time.

Advanced Standing

Candidates who have completed a four year undergraduate degree or its equivalent and who have additionally completed a Graduate Certificate or a Graduate Diploma may be eligible for up to 60 credit points of advanced standing.

Master of Education – by Coursework

Candidates select 120 credit points of coursework units. Candidates select units according to their area of professional interest. Some areas of study have core units.

A Minor Thesis (60 credit points and 15,000 words) or an Independent Project may be included in the Master of Education by Coursework. Candidates undertaking a minor thesis are expected to enrol in at least one research methodology unit during their masters program of study.

Master of Education – by Research has two strands

Candidates who elect to complete a Master of Education by research should enrol in one unit of research methodology.

Strands 1: Research Thesis.

Candidates write a research thesis of 50,000 – 60,000 words. The thesis constitutes 100% of the examination for the degree. The thesis is examined externally.

Strands 2: Coursework and Major Thesis.

Candidates undertake two 20 credit point coursework units and write a thesis of 40,000 words. There is a 12,000 word internally assessed essay for the two linked coursework units. The thesis is examined externally. Candidates are expected to attain at least a B average in their coursework units before proceeding to the thesis. Alternatively, they may transfer enrolment to complete the program by coursework.

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Tuition Fees

The Master of Education by Coursework units are 'fee-paying' places. Australian citizens are able to defer tuition fees by using the FEE-Help loan scheme. Further information can be found at the website: www.goingtouni.gov.au. The Master of Education by Research Strands 1 and 2 attract RTS funding for Australian and New Zealand citizens. Please refer to separate research brochure for details.

Pathway to Doctoral Studies

The Master of Education provides a direct pathway to doctoral studies (EdD and PhD). Candidates who complete the Master of Education by coursework must achieve a B average in the coursework component to be eligible to proceed to the doctoral thesis. For further information on research degrees, please refer to the separate leaflet on Higher Degrees by research.

Master of Arts (Education)

This program is similar to the Master of Education by coursework but is for qualified professionals who do not have a background in education and who wish to advance their professional standing through studies in an education-related area. This program does not result in a teaching qualification.

International Candidates

Candidates with the minimum requirements of an Australian equivalent 3 year bachelor degree may undertake a two year program consisting of 240 credit points of study. The two year program may be full time or a part-time equivalent.

International candidates should refer to the La Trobe International website for details about fees.

English Language Requirement

Candidates for whom English is not their first language and who have not studied Year 12 English in Australia, must have an IELTS score of 6.5 with no band lower than 6.0. Those with a Bachelor degree in an English speaking country may apply for an exemption from the IELTS.

Prospective candidates should access the web site and follow the links to Postgraduate, Faculty of Education, Master of Education.

For more information

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