

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

A Career in Teaching

A career in teaching offers many possibilities, both here in Australia and internationally, for graduates (or those about to graduate) in arts, economics, languages, mathematics, music, science and social science. For those who really enjoy the disciplines they have been studying and relate well to young people, teaching can be a rewarding and fulfilling career. At present there are opportunities for permanent positions in rural and regional secondary schools in South Australia and a strong demand for secondary teachers in other Australian states and overseas - the USA and UK in particular.

About the Program

The Graduate Diploma in Education can be undertaken by students who have completed an undergraduate degree. The objective of the program is to prepare graduates for entry to the teaching profession in middle and senior secondary schooling and it is also suitable for applicants intending to work with adult learners. The program focuses on the acquisition of practical skills in teaching and the development of knowledge that is applicable to the needs of middle and senior secondary teachers and the demands of classroom practice. Equally it aims to develop an understanding of the nature of the educative process, the directions it could take, and the ways and means by which it may best be achieved and sustained. The Graduate Diploma program is designed to develop the theoretical knowledge, values, practical experience and skills of professional teachers. It is recognised for teacher registration purposes in South Australia, and this registration is in most cases portable to other states and overseas countries. Your first degree studies needs to include two subjects taught in secondary schools. The program is organised around two five-week blocks of teaching practice in two different secondary schools. Education courses offered in Curriculum & Methodology (how to teach the various subject areas) and Education Studies, are designed to prepare students for their first teaching experience, and to consolidate and develop further their professional skills, knowledge and understanding of education so that they can become enthusiastic, committed and effective teachers.

Time Commitment

The Graduate Diploma in Education is equivalent to one year of full-time study (24 units). It is possible to study the program over two to six years part-time.

Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirement for this program is the satisfactory completion of a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent from a recognised higher education institution. The degree should normally contain a number of subject areas which are taught in secondary schools. Selection is based on the appropriate subjects in the undergraduate degree, academic merit, and on sub quotas in learning areas.

Degrees of recognised overseas universities are also accepted provided that they include appropriate teaching subject areas.

Assessment

The main forms of assessment are written reports and essays, collection and preparation of teaching resource materials, tutorial and seminar participation and oral presentations. Teaching practice is assessed by mentor teachers and university staff. A graded pass system is used in most courses and a non-graded pass system is used in others when it is seen to be more appropriate.

Applications

Applications for admission must be submitted to the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC - program code 3GD006). There is a SATAC fee for applications, but more than one program may be applied for on the one form. Applicants may apply online through GradStart (www.satac.edu.au).

Study Plan

Semester 1

- Teaching Practice I (3 units)
- Student Learning & Interaction (3)
- Education, Culture and Indigenous Perspectives (3)
- Curriculum & Methodology (6)*

Semester 2

- Teaching Practice II (3 units)
- Curriculum, Assessment & Learning (3)
- Families, Schools and Special Needs Education (3)

*Curriculum and methodology Courses

Students choose three full year Curriculum and Methodology courses with the exception of music which requires two courses. Selection of these courses is based on what was studied in the undergraduate degree. Most courses have pre requisites. For course advice please contact the School of Education.

Humanities

- Geography
- History
- SOSE (Studies of Society & Environment)

English

- General English
- Senior English

Languages

- Chinese
- English as a Second Language
- French
- German
- Indonesian

- Italian
- Japanese
- Language Methodology
- Spanish
- Other Languages
- Vietnamese
- Modern Greek

Business

- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Economics

Music

- Classroom Music
- Instrumental Music

Mathematics

- Information Technology
- Junior Mathematics
- Senior Mathematics

Science

- Agricultural Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Junior Science
- Physics
- Psychology

Adult Learner

Application and Enrolment

Applications for admission are handled by the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC), the program code is 3GD006. Applications can be made through SATAC from the beginning of August.

International Students

International students should submit an application through the University's International Office.

School of Education Study Pathways for Qualified Teachers

Master of Educational Studies (Coursework) 24 units

Master of Educational Research 36 units

Master of Education (Specialisation) 48 units

Graduate Certificate (Specialisation) 12 units

Master of Education (Research) 48 units

PhD

or

EdD