



Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies (Domestic students)

Program code 3270	Admission requirements Any Bachelor degree or higher Relevant work experience (more)	Commencing in Trimester 1, Trimester 2 and Trimester 3
Available at Online		Next start date Trimester 3, 2024 (more)
Duration 0.5 year full-time 1 year part-time		Applications close Monday, 21 October 2024 Apply Now
Credit points 40		
Indicative fee \$2,000.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

About this program

Deepen your understanding of Autism.

This degree, offered by the Autism Centre of Excellence, applies a multi-disciplinary, whole-of-life focus to autism. Our approach aligns with the neurodiversity paradigm, and we incorporate the voices of autistic and autism community in each of our courses. The course uses the lecturer content with the voices of lived experience to allow you to gain a foundation in communication and learning in autism, understand how to select and apply evidence-based practices and explore different factors and pathways to understanding and supporting behavioural challenges. This Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies is a prerequisite for the Master of Autism Studies, which is an accredited pathway to becoming a developmental educator. Developmental educators are an NDIS approved profession for supporting individuals on the autism spectrum and their families to achieve their individual developmental, social and learning goals.

The introduction and overview of autism provided in this graduate certificate covers understanding and supporting behaviours, evidence for interventions, and the changes that have occurred in understanding of autism over time, creating positive learning environments. You'll understand the importance of each individual's profile of autism characteristics, be able to evaluate how and when these impact on learning or behaviour and be able to understand and explain relationships between family and cultural experiences with autism and critique current models of disability.

The evidence that underpins our knowledge of autism, and the various proactive and reactive strategies that are prevalent and emerging in supporting individuals on the autism spectrum, is an essential part of this certificate. You will critically evaluate the research support for intervention practices that address the strengths and needs of autistic individuals and how to apply them in practice while working collaboratively with autistic people and those who work or live with them.

Industry and expert connections

Learn from a combination of some of Australia's top scholars of autism, the voices of lived experience and student-peers who each have their own experience, be it lived personal or family experience or professional experience in supporting or working alongside people on the autism spectrum. The collaborative online learning environments include lecture videos, live tutorials, other video resources, discussion forums and group work, which ensures you have the opportunity to make new connections with your peers.

Graduate outcomes

You will be able to use your knowledge of the strengths and challenges of each person's autism profile to help identify if and when support or intervention may be needed, and if so, help plan and provide the support or intervention that best suits that individual's profile or preferences. You will also be well equipped to advance into leadership and specialist roles in education, health, government policy, social work and service provision for people on the autism spectrum and their families. Job outcomes can include specialist teacher, school leader, curriculum leader or consultant. You will also have the option of completing a research masters and following a career in autism research.

This degree addresses an area of acute need as determined by the Australian Department of Families, Housing, Community

Services and Indigenous Affairs; the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; the Queensland Department of Education and Training; and the Queensland Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

Flexibility

Study anytime, anywhere - This degree is available online through our Digital campus, giving you more room to fit university with your work and social life.

Pursue further study

The courses in this graduate certificate may be credited towards a related graduate diploma or masters degree. Griffith's innovative [Credit Precedent Database](#) allows you to find out what credit decisions have been made in the past, which will give you an idea of what you can expect.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies is offered online on a full-time and part-time basis.

All four core Autism Studies courses are delivered primarily online. The online delivery for each course consists of virtual classroom, electronic readings and discussion boards. There will also be teleconferences and individual email and phone meetings for individual students as required. Autism Studies core courses will involve an intensive session delivered in one intensive workshop each for one day during the length of the course. Attendance in these sessions is strongly recommended, but not required as videos of the sessions will be available online for students who are unable to attend.

Work-integrated learning

The University supports its students to undertake work experience that complements their degree. Work experience is normally arranged by you with an employer you select but with approval from your Program Director.

My career opportunities

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Educators with specialised knowledge in providing for the needs of autistic learners are in high demand in public and private education sectors.

Key employment sectors

- Education and Training
- Public Administration and Safety
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Administrative and Support Services

Potential job outcomes

- Developmental educator (with additional study)
- Specialist teacher
- School leader
- Curriculum leader
- Consultant

**Source: Australian Government Job Outlook*

Pathways to further study

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Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Autism Studies may be eligible to apply for the [Master of Autism Studies \(5595\)](#) or [Master of Education and Professional Studies Research \(5608\)](#).

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying postgraduate (domestic) students

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points.

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying postgraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

Tuition fees for your degree program

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)

Changing programs

If a postgraduate student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Further information

- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

Additional fee information

This postgraduate program has Commonwealth Supported Places. If you are eligible, the Australian Government will contribute to the cost of this program but you will also be required to make a contribution. Quotas are applied for admission to the Commonwealth Supported Places. Where demand exceeds the number of available places and all places have been filled for the current admission period, applicants who meet minimum program entry requirements may be eligible for a Fee-Paying Postgraduate place if such places are available. Please note that deferrals are not permitted for programs with Commonwealth Supported Places.