



Graduate Certificate in Safety Leadership (Domestic students)

Program code	Admission requirements	Commencing in
3298	Any Bachelor degree or higher	Trimester 1 and Trimester 2
Available at	Relevant work experience	Next start date
Online	(more)	Trimester 1, 2025 (more)
Duration		Applications close
1 year part-time		Monday, 10 February 2025
Credit points		Apply Now
40		
Indicative fee		
\$7,000.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

About this program

Understand the systems that govern safety.

Learn the skills necessary to enact a new kind of safety leadership that puts a focus on the practical expertise needed to get the job done. This graduate certificate will help you advance from the simple, linear cause-effect thinking that has typically characterised safety work in Australia and help you to challenge pre-occupations with process and compliance. You will learn about resilience, complexity science and holism and be taken on an exciting journey into a new era of safety.

You will study a range of theories that focus on why accidents happen and how they can be prevented, including normal accidents theory, human reliability theory, as well as structural and interpretational perspectives to risk and safety. With this knowledge, you will be capable of critiquing safety practices and comparing and contrasting the strengths and weaknesses of accident models, ensuring your analysis and critical thinking can help improve safety systems in your own workplace.

By looking beyond the narrow understandings of safety that still exist at many organisations and institutions, you will understand how to address safety using safety management systems and the processes and procedures that have proven roles in achieving high safety standards. Importantly, you'll view people as a solution to safety issues, not the problem, putting empathy at the centre of your plans to create a safe workplace.

Industry and expert connections

This program is for people who have worked in safety at various levels. Whether you are new to the field or are experienced, this degree will help you critically examine your own approach to safety and how it can be approved. You'll learn from experienced academics alongside graduates and working professionals in a collaborative working environment that includes interactive lectures and seminars and group work, so you can make important industry connections.

Graduate outcomes

You will find career opportunities in system safety, process safety and occupational health and safety roles at manager and director levels, particularly in industries such as energy, construction, healthcare, aviation, mining, manufacturing, transport and human services. Exciting career paths are available in corporations, government and consulting firms. You will also be eligible for entry into the Master of Arts and further postgraduate study.

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

This Graduate Certificate program is offered part-time only. All courses in this program are offered on-campus and online. This program includes compulsory study in Trimester 3.

Managing Study Interruptions

Leave of Absence

Taking a leave of absence from this program is permitted, subject to conditions outlined in the Enrolment Procedure

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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Safety is a critical aspect of a range of industries, including aviation, mining, construction, health care, transport, events, tourism, and many more. This graduate certificate can be the launching pad to a new career in safety or could help you advance your existing career in this field, including to the manager and director level.

Key employment sectors

- Public Administration and Safety
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Construction
- Mining
- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Other Industries

Potential job outcomes

- System safety manager
- Process safety manager
- Occupational health and safety manager
- Safety director

**Source: Australian Government Job Outlook.*

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.