



Master of Secondary Teaching (Domestic students)

Program code	Admission requirements	Commencing in
5700	Non-Education Bachelor degree or equivalent plus Non-academic entry requirements	Trimester 1
Available at Gold Coast Campus, Mt Gravatt Campus, Online	(more)	Apply Now
Duration 1.5 to 2 years full-time 3 to 4 years part-time		
Credit points 160		
Indicative fee \$4,500.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		

Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

To be eligible for the award of *Master of Secondary Teaching (MSecTeach)*, a student must acquire 160 credit points as prescribed below:

- gain 70 credit points for Education studies (ES);
 - gain 40 credit points for Curriculum Studies (CS) within approved teaching areas as identified in the letter of offer (requests for changes of teaching areas must be made via the Program Director);
 - gain 20 credit points for Professional Project (PP);
 - gain 30 credit points for Professional Experience and Practice (PEPS);
- AND**
- meet the Literacy and Numeracy Benchmark in the test administered by ACER on behalf of AITSL.*

* You will need to successfully complete the National Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (LANTITE) to graduate from the program. You are permitted three test attempts in total for each component. If you fail three test attempts for each component, you will not be able to graduate.

This degree may be awarded **with Distinction** where a student achieves a minimum program GPA of 6.5 with no failed courses. The words "This award was achieved with Distinction" will be recorded on the testamur.

Exit point

To be eligible to exit the Masters program with a **Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching**, a student must acquire 40 credit points for any courses in the Master of Secondary Teaching program.

To be eligible to exit the Masters program with a **Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching** award, a student must acquire 80 credit points for any courses in the Master of Secondary Teaching program.

To exit, a student should apply for a [program transfer](#).

Note: Students exiting with either of these awards will have to reapply for admission via official admission channels if they wish to re-enter the Master of Secondary Teaching.

Designated courses for the purposes of exclusion

Professional Experience and Practice courses are designated for the purposes of the *Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Policy*. A student who fails a Professional Experience and Practice course will be subject to review by the Education Assessment Board and may be excluded from the program.

Compulsory Tutorial Attendance for All Professional Experience Courses

Students must reach an 80% threshold for tutorial attendance and active participation in the lead up to placement for all Professional Experience courses. Students who cannot attend the full tutorial and thus cannot actively participate during the tutorial will not be able to proceed with the placement and complete the course.

Trimester	Course code	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7764EDN	Understanding Diverse Learners 10 - 18	10
Tri 2	7765EDN	Pedagogies for Engaged Learners	10
Tri 1	7999EDN	Impact in Secondary Teaching	20

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The **Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)** is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. This qualification is accredited as an AQF Level 9 - Masters Degree (Coursework).

Program learning outcomes

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Program Learning Outcomes communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

Program Learning Outcomes for this award describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025

Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Program options

Please Note: courses within this program may be scheduled outside of weeks 1-12 of the standard trimester. Check your timetable to ensure that you don't miss classes that may be scheduled outside the standard trimester. Be aware that any scheduling outside of the standard trimester may also affect the timing of the individual course's census date. Please ensure that you are aware of the census dates to avoid financial and academic penalty in the event of early withdrawal.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1			Accelerated program over 1.5 years	160
			OR	
Tri 1			2-year program	160

Accelerated program

Course Type: CS=Curriculum studies | ES=Education studies | PEPS=Professional Experience and Practice Secondary| PP=Professional Project

Year 1

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Type	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	ES	7401EDN		Griffith Dimensions of Learning and Teaching	10
Tri 1	CS			Junior Years Teaching Area 1	10
Tri 1	CS			Junior Years Teaching Area 2	10
Tri 1	PEPS	7764EDN		Understanding Diverse Learners 10 - 18 (includes a 15 day professional placement component) (See Note 1)	10
Tri 2	ES	7403EDN		Contemporary Influences on Secondary Schooling	10
Tri 2	CS			Senior Years Teaching Area 1	10
Tri 2	CS			Senior Years Teaching Area 2	10
Tri 2	PEPS	7765EDN		Pedagogies for Engaged Learners (includes a four-week professional placement component)	10
Tri 3	ES	7407EDN		Supporting Literacy and Numeracy within and across the Curriculum	10
Tri 3	ES	7412EDN		Research Informed Teaching in Secondary Schools	10
Tri 3	PP	7231EDN		Adjustments and Differentiation	10
Tri 3	ES	7409EDN		First Australians, Education and Communities	10

Note 1: Canadian international students intending to seek teacher registration in Canada will need to complete additional days of Professional Experience. Permission to enrol in 7751EDN and complete 35 days of Professional Experience instead of 7764EDN should be sought from the Program Director.

Exit point: Graduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching (3286). To exit (after completing 40 credit points for any courses in the program), a student should apply for a program transfer.

Exit point: Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching (4202). To exit (after completing 80 credit points for any courses in the program), a student should apply for a program transfer.

Teaching Areas

Depending on an applicant's expertise and prior experiences (for example, in relation to vocational education areas), a student will be offered a place based on knowledge and experience that relates to two junior secondary and two senior phase curriculum areas. The majority of applicants will be offered a place in two teaching areas that are offered at both junior secondary and senior phases of learning.

Some applicants may be offered a place linked to only one teaching area through to Year 12 with the second area suitable for teaching only in junior secondary. In the event that a student is offered a place in the program with discipline knowledge for one teaching area through to Year 12 and the second area only to Year 10, the fourth study area will be Secondary Schooling: Literacy and Numeracy.

Students must complete the teaching area as stated in their letter of offer to meet the program requirements and gain registration. Requests to change teaching areas must be made via the Program Director.

Commencing students should enrol in the corresponding curriculum courses in each trimester that align with the teaching area combination stated in their letter of offer.

Note: Students studying two Science teaching areas will complete Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment in the Junior Years: Science and Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment in the Junior Years: Mathematics. They will then select senior curriculum courses according to the Science teaching areas they have been offered.

Year 2

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Type	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	PEPS	7999EDN		Impact in Secondary Teaching (includes a five-week professional placement component) (see Note 1)	20
Tri 1	PP	7333EDN		Understanding Adolescence and Adolescents	10
Tri 1	ES	7411EDN		Stepping out as a Professional	10

Note 1: This is a capstone course and must be taken in the final trimester. All coursework must be completed prior, or concurrent, to enrolling in 7999EDN. This is a combined PEPS/ES course.

Learning Enhancement

Completing the Learning Enhancement courses will provide graduates with specialist skills related to the provision of learning support across the curriculum to students with additional needs. This specialist qualification will enable graduates to work in secondary settings where they would advise secondary teachers in their planning and/or teach in Secondary Special Education settings. A Bachelor of Psychology (or equivalent) is the usual pathway into this specialist area.

Students who have been allocated to this specialist area must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	4104EDN		Learning Enhancement	10
Tri 2	4812EDN		Learning Enhancement 2	10

Education Studies

The Education Studies elective is available for students accepted into the program with one senior phase teaching area. Students who have been allocated only one senior phase teaching area should select the following course:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7209EDN		Reading Intervention (see Note 1)	10

Note 1: Students wishing to take an alternative elective should obtain written approval from the Program Director.

2-year program

Course Type: EDS=Education Discipline Studies | CAP=Curriculum, Assessment and Pedagogy | PEL=Professional Experience and Learning.

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Tri 1	PEPS	7401EDN		Griffith Dimensions of Learning and Teaching	10
Tri 1	CS			Junior Years Teaching Area 1	10
Tri 1	CS			Junior Years Teaching Area 2	10
Tri 1	PEPS	7764EDN		Understanding Diverse Learners 10 - 18 (includes a 15 day professional placement component) (See Note 1)	10
Tri 2	ES	7403EDN		Contemporary Influences on Secondary Schooling	10
Tri 2	CS			Senior Years Teaching Area 1	10
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Tri 3	ES	7407EDN		Supporting Literacy and Numeracy within and across the Curriculum	10
Tri 3	PP	7231EDN		Adjustments and Differentiation	10
Tri 3	ES	7412EDN		Research Informed Teaching in Secondary Schools	10

Note 1: Canadian international students intending to seek teacher registration in Canada will need to complete additional days of Professional Experience. Permission to enrol in 7751EDN and complete 35 days of Professional Experience instead of 7764EDN should be sought from the Program Director.

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Exit point: **Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching (4202)**. To exit (after completing 80 credit points for any courses in the program), a student should apply for a program transfer.

Teaching Areas

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Some applicants may be offered a place linked to only one teaching area through to Year 12 with the second area suitable for teaching only in junior secondary. In the event that a student is offered a place in the program with discipline knowledge for one teaching area through to Year 12 and the second area only to Year 10, the fourth study area will be Secondary Schooling: Literacy and Numeracy.

Students must complete the teaching area as stated in their letter of offer to meet the program requirements and gain registration. Requests to change teaching areas must be made via the Program Director.

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Tri 1	ES	7411EDN		Stepping out as a Professional	10
Tri 2	PEPS	7999EDN		Impact in Secondary Teaching (includes a five-week professional placement component) (see Note 1)	20

Note 1: This is a capstone course and must be taken in the final trimester. All coursework must be completed prior, or concurrent, to enrolling in 7999EDN. This is a combined PEPS/ES course.

Learning Enhancement

If you have completed at least six subjects in psychology in your Bachelor degree, you may nominate one of the above teaching areas to a senior level (for which you meet the study requirements with a minimum of six subjects) and complete the **Learning Enhancement** specialist area. In this specialist area, you will gain the skills needed to provide learning support to students with additional needs. You will be able to work in secondary settings where you advise teachers in their planning and/or teach in secondary special education settings. A maximum of four (4) curriculum studies courses will be taken from the curriculum study courses in the undergraduate degree.

Completing the Learning Enhancement courses will provide graduates with specialist skills related to the provision of learning support across the curriculum to students with additional needs. This specialist qualification will enable graduates to work in secondary settings where they would advise secondary teachers in their planning and/or teach in Secondary Special Education settings. A Bachelor of Psychology (or equivalent) is the usual pathway into this specialist area.

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Tri 2	7209EDN		Reading Intervention (See Note 1)	10

Note 1: Students wishing to take an alternative elective should obtain written approval from the Program Director.

Teaching Areas (18 available)

Biology

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast, Online and Mt Gravatt.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3032EDN		Science Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4026EDN		Biology Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Business (Gold Coast and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3068EDN		Business Education Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4068EDN		Business Education Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Chemistry

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast, Online and Mt Gravatt.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3032EDN		Science Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4027EDN		Chemistry Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Design Technologies (Gold Coast and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast only.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3434EDN		Design Technology Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4434EDN		Design Technology Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Digital Technologies (Gold Coast and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3069EDN		Digital Technologies Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4069EDN		Digital Solutions - Senior Secondary	10

Drama (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3112EDN		Drama Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4112EDN		Drama Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

English

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast, Online and Mt Gravatt.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3041EDN		English Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4042EDN		English Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Food and Nutrition

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3377EDN		Food Technology and Hospitality Practices Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4477EDN		Food and Nutrition Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Geography (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3061EDN		Geography Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4061EDN		Geography Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Health and Physical Education

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast, Online and Mt Gravatt.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3080EDN		Health and Physical Education Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4080EDN		Health and Physical Education Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

History

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast, Online and Mt Gravatt .

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3060EDN		History Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4060EDN		History Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Instrumental Music (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3066EDN		Instrumental Music 1 - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4066EDN		Instrumental Music 2 - Senior Secondary	10

Languages other than English (LOTE) (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3067EDN		Languages Other Than English Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4067EDN		Languages Other Than English Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Mathematics

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3024EDN		Mathematics Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4024EDN		Mathematics Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Music (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt only.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3065EDN		Music Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4065EDN		Music Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Physics

This teaching area is offered at Gold Coast, Online and Mt Gravatt.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3032EDN		Science Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4028EDN		Physics Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Psychology (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3032EDN		Science Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4707EDN		Psychology Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10

Visual Arts (Mt Gravatt and Online)

This teaching area is offered at Mt Gravatt and Online.

Students must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3397EDN		Visual Arts Curriculum - Junior Secondary	10
Tri 2	4397EDN		Visual Arts Curriculum - Senior Secondary	10