In 2017, the School of Education was placed in the top 150 universities from around the globe by the QS World University rankings by subject, and was recently identified in the top 10 education faculties or schools in Australia.

The Masters of Education (Leadership) offers development opportunities for people seeking to play a leading role in emerging educational practice within a range of social, environmental and educational contexts.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**

Our courses are designed for aspiring leaders and those already working in leadership roles. The degree critically examines recent developments in theory, policy, practice and methodologies for research for educational leadership across early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary, TAFE, community-based and other professional settings. The focus is on ‘best practice’ and ‘next practice’, which refers to the need to imagine and implement developments in learning for future generations.

Our program is offered via flexible online learning combined with limited on-campus teaching sessions so students can connect with a community of learners whilst still being able to complete their studies at their own pace and location.

Some of the units you may study are:

- Leading and Teaching in Challenging Contexts
- Transformative Learning
- Leading Change
- Teaching and Learning with Adults
- Designing Curriculum Futures
- Principles and Practices of Evaluation
- Leadership, Mentoring and Professional Growth

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Postgraduate education studies enable career development for leadership roles in early childhood, primary or secondary contexts within the public or private system, as well as adult and vocational education, and professional training and development. This program is not an initial teaching qualification but is designed for education professionals already working in the field.
## MASTER OF EDUCATION (LEADERSHIP)

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**Admission**

Applicants for admission into the Master of Education (Leadership) must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in teaching/education, political science, policy studies, health, human welfare studies and services or behavioural science. An undergraduate degree in teaching includes the historical 2-3 year Diploma of Teaching/Education prior to 1987 OR a diploma or higher, in teaching/education, political science, policy studies, human welfare studies and services or behavioural science AND five years professional work experience in these fields.

**Advanced Standing**

Students may be eligible for four units of advanced standing which reduces the course to two years part-time.

**Attendance**

The course is undertaken part-time through a four-day (two days for each unit) intensive teaching session held in January and July each year, with a mid-semester workshop, and online activities for each unit. Students select from the units on offer in each semester/year of enrolment. Not all listed units will be offered in every year.

**Pathways**

There are many options for course entry and exit in the Teaching and Education areas of study. The Graduate Certificate in Education (Leadership) is also available as an exit point after completion of four units of study and a Graduate Diploma can be awarded after eight units of study.

**Key:** P = Part-time.
**Note:** Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.

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Develop your leadership and management skills.

The Master of Education (Leadership and Management) is an ideal course for professionals aspiring to become leaders in a range of educational organisations, locally and internationally.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
Units are drawn from the School of Education and the School of Business, providing professionals with comprehensive skills, knowledge and competencies to lead teaching and learning as well as lead organisations in an ever-changing business climate. A capstone unit provides students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to solve a real-world education business management problem through action-learning. Focusing on theory and practice, the course has significant application to the workplace.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Postgraduate education studies enable career development for leadership and management roles in early childhood, primary or secondary contexts within the public or private system, as well as adult and vocational education, and professional training and development. This program is not an initial teaching qualification.
MASTER OF EDUCATION (LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT)

UAC Code 950786
Apply Direct Code 1850
CRICOS Code 094196E
Duration 1F/2P
Location Penrith and Parramatta City*
Intakes First half (January) Second half (July)

Admission

Applicants for admission into the Master of Education (Leadership and Management) must have successfully completed a postgraduate (Level 8) qualification or higher, in teaching/education, political science, policy studies, business studies, health, human welfare studies and services, or behavioural science
OR

a bachelor qualification (Level 7) plus 3 years full-time of professional work experience in the fields of teaching/education, political science, policy studies, business studies, human welfare studies and services, or behavioural science.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS PREREQUISITES

Students must satisfactorily complete Working with Children Check Student Declaration upon enrolment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website uac.edu.au

International applicants who are non-student visa holders, and are in a permissible visa category, must apply directly to Western Sydney University via the International Office. International students applying to The University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

Key: F = Full-time, P = Part-time.
Note: Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.

*The education units in this course are offered at Penrith campus and the business units are offered at the new Parramatta City campus. Students will be required to travel between campuses in order to complete this course.
Advancing the quality of life and learning outcomes for individuals with additional needs requires specialists who not only hold the necessary knowledge, but possess skills and dispositions to work in a manner that builds the capacity of individuals with additional needs, their families and those working with them.

Our program is designed to bolster professionals’ knowledge and skills to support students with additional learning needs and disabilities across their lifespan.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
The Master of Inclusive Education considers individuals with a range of disabilities and needs across the lifespan. It qualifies teachers to work with individuals with additional needs across a range of settings (early childhood, primary, secondary, post-school). As well as studying selected units, the course includes a teaching practicum with students with additional needs, and the construction and completion of a research project.

Some of the units you may study are:
- Inclusive Environments
- Person Centred Practice
- Technology Assisting Learning
- Managing Challenging and Diverse Behaviour
- Assessing to Support Learning
- Universal Design for Learning

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The Master of Inclusive Education is recognised as a post-initial teaching qualification in inclusive/special education (for example, teachers who are qualified to teach in either primary or secondary and then complete the Master of Inclusive Education are recognised as special education teachers for K-12 by the NSW Department of Education and Communities). The Inclusive Education qualification of early childhood and adult education teachers working in the disability field is subject to recognition by their employers.
**MASTER OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

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**Note:** Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.
Advancing the quality of life and learning outcomes for individuals with additional needs requires specialists who not only hold the necessary knowledge, but possess skills and dispositions to work in a manner that builds the capacity of individuals with additional needs, their families and those working with them.

Our program is designed to bolster professionals’ knowledge and skills to support students with additional learning needs and disabilities across their lifespan.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
The Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education is designed for graduates with qualifications in a relevant field such as teaching or allied health. It equips graduates with the skills, knowledge and dispositions which will enable them to work effectively in the field by exposing them to theory and practice that will support the holistic development and inclusion of individuals with additional needs across the lifespan. Founded on authentic learning experiences and analysis of theory and the research literature, professionals are enabled to apply their studies to their current professional situation and/or interests.

Some of the units you may study are:
- Inclusive Environments
- Person Centred Practice
- Technology Assisting Learning
- Managing Challenging and Diverse Behaviour
- Assessing to Support Learning
- Universal Design for Learning

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
A graduate certificate in Inclusive Education provides teachers and allied health professionals, such as speech pathologists and occupational therapists, with expertise in supporting individuals with disabilities. Graduates may apply these specialist skills to work within the government and non-government disability sector.
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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The Master of Education (Social Ecology) examines recent developments in inter-relationships between the personal, social, environmental and spiritual domains. It works with an understanding that everything we do as individuals affects others; that we are parts of the systems in which we live and take responsibility for.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
Students in the Master of Education (Social Ecology) will develop an advanced understanding of social-ecological theory and apply it using critical thinking, creative practice and effective communication. They will develop an understanding of research principles and methods appropriate to the field to justify and interpret social-ecological insights, contribute to scholarship in the field and make it available to a non-specialised audience.

Some of the units you may study are:
- Applied Imagination
- Ecopsychology and Cultural Change
- At the Cultural Interface – Learning Two Ways
- Engaging Communities
- Leading Change
- Ecopedagogies

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Studies in Social Ecology will equip you for career development in environmental, organisational and educational sectors including environmental education, outdoor education, facilitation and adult education, human services, and professional training and development.
**MASTER OF EDUCATION (SOCIAL ECOLOGY)**

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**Admission**

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline

OR

a diploma, or higher, in any discipline

AND

at least five years professional work experience.

**Advanced Standing**

Students may be eligible to receive advanced standing for four units, which reduces the course to two years part-time.

**Attendance**

The course is undertaken part-time through a four-day (two days for each unit) intensive teaching session held in January and July each year, with a mid-semester workshop, and online activities for each unit.

**Pathways**

The Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology) is also available as an exit point for those enrolled in the Master of Education (Social Ecology) after completion of four Social Ecology units. Successful completion of eight units is required for the Graduate Diploma to be awarded.

**Key:** P = Part-time.

**Note:** Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.
Key themes of study in Social Ecology include applied imagination, eco-psychology and cultural change, environmental education and advocacy, eco-literacy, systems-thinking and the emergent characteristics of change, transformative learning, transformative leadership and associated research practices.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
In the Graduate Certificate in Education (Social Ecology), students apply an introduction to social-ecological understanding to their professional or community environment to arrive at engaged understandings of those systems of practice. They develop skills in the analysis of ecological relationships through critical thinking, creative practice and effective communication.

Some of the units you may study are:
- Applied Imagination
- Ecopsychology and Cultural Change
- At the Cultural Interface – Learning Two Ways
- Engaging Communities
- Leading Change
- Ecopedagogies

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Studies in Social Ecology will equip you for career development in environmental, organisational and educational sectors including environmental education, outdoor education, facilitation and adult education, human services, and professional training and development.
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (SOCIAL ECOLOGY)

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| Admission     | Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline (Level 7)
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|               | a diploma, or higher, in any discipline
|               | AND
|               | at least five years full-time professional work experience. |
| Advanced Standing | Students may be eligible to receive advanced standing for four units, which reduces the course to two years part-time. |
| Attendance    | The course is undertaken part-time through a four-day (two days for each unit) intensive teaching session held in January and July each year, with a mid-semester workshop, and online activities for each unit. |

Key: P = Part-time.

Note: Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.
The Master of Education (STEM) is designed for teachers seeking to enhance their knowledge in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and their capacity to plan, deliver and evaluate effectively integrated STEM learning experiences.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**
Graduates will have specialised skills to enable them to critically analyse, reflect on and synthesise multi-disciplinary approaches to STEM teaching, drawing on appropriate theoretical knowledge, allowing them to plan and deliver exemplary practice in STEM teaching.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Our graduates will gain the skills required to be STEM leaders in schools, developing, enacting and evaluating interdisciplinary curriculum reform for the future. This program is not an initial teaching qualification but is designed for education professionals already working in the field. It will also increase the likelihood of promotion for teachers.
## MASTER OF EDUCATION (STEM)

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<td>Exit awards are available in the Graduate Certificate in Primary Mathematics Education and Graduate Certificate in Primary Science Education.</td>
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**Key:**
- F = Full-time, P = Part-time.
The School of Education is offering the Graduate Certificate in Primary Mathematics Education to develop the expertise of primary school teachers interested in becoming experts in mathematics teaching and learning.

Graduates will develop deep mathematics pedagogical content knowledge, a strong understanding of the importance of research-based enquiry to inform teaching and skills in mentoring and coaching other teachers of mathematics.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
This qualification will equip generalist primary school teaching graduates, and experienced primary school teachers who have a special interest in mathematics, with the skills, knowledge and dispositions that will enable them to assume the role of a primary mathematics specialist teacher.

The units you will study are:

- Leading Mathematics in the Primary School
- Assessment and Intervention for Mathematics and Numeracy Learning
- Mathematics for Contemporary Learner
- Addressing Diversity in Mathematics Teaching and Learning

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
This course does not provide a teaching qualification. However, graduates of this course will enhance their opportunities for employment as teachers already in the school system. It will also increase the likelihood of promotion for teachers.
**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PRIMARY MATHEMATICS EDUCATION**

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**Key:** P = Part-time.
The Graduate Certificate in Primary Science Education within the School of Education will equip teaching graduates with the skills, knowledge and dispositions to develop expertise as a primary science educator or assume the role of a science specialist teacher within the primary school setting.

**WHAT YOU’LL STUDY**
Teachers will develop deep science pedagogical content knowledge, practical knowledge for helping students work scientifically and technologically, and strong understanding of the importance of research-based enquiry to inform their science teaching.

Additionally, the Graduate Certificate will develop teachers’ skills in mentoring and coaching other teachers of science.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Our graduates will gain the skills required to be leaders of primary science education in schools.
### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PRIMARY SCIENCE EDUCATION

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**Key:** P = Part-time.
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Curriculum Specialisation) provides a pathway for qualified secondary teachers to expand the number of teaching areas for which they are eligible to teach. Applicants to this course can be either currently working in secondary schools or seeking employment in secondary schools.

WHAT YOU’LL STUDY
This course comprises two curriculum units that cover NSW syllabus requirements for Years 7-10 and Years 11-12. In addition, students will undertake one in-school professional experience block and one fully-online leadership unit. Applicants may need to complete up to four non-award undergraduate pre-requisite units to meet the NSW Education Standards Authority (previously known as BOSTES) requirement for the area of study.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Our graduates will gain the skills required to be leaders in schools.
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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS PREREQUISITES**
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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website at uac.edu.au

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

You may be granted special equivalence or advance standing for academic, professional and/or any other qualifications you hold on the basis of evidence submitted at the time of application.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for this course can be made online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at uac.edu.au/postgraduate or direct to Western Sydney via https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at myfuture.westernsydney.edu.au

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Only full-time courses are available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations. The Master of Education (Leadership and Management) is offered full-time. See admission information on this course for more details.

CONTACT US

To discuss your study goals and career options, contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatetude@westernsydney.edu.au

POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Postgraduate Information Sessions are held throughout the year, and give you the opportunity to meet academic and professional staff, and to ask questions about courses, admission, fees and more. At these sessions, you will gain a better understanding of course content, what you can expect from the program and possible career paths. To register for a Postgraduate Information Session, visit westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduatesessions

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