Master of Education
UNDA Course Code below
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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate coursework offerings and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, the University offers a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. Notre Dame empowers students to build on their knowledge and experience, sharpen their skills and challenge them to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame’s academic staff are specialists in their field and provide students with best practice content and a practical approach to teaching and learning.

INTRODUCTION
The University of Notre Dame Australia provides a Master of Education program for teachers who are four-year trained, i.e. hold a Bachelor of Education or a first degree plus a Graduate Diploma of Education (or equivalent).

It is strongly recommended that students entering the degree would normally have at least three years professional experience and strong grades in their undergraduate degree.

The Master of Education is a comprehensive postgraduate degree that provides an opportunity for educators with practical experience to continue their professional development and to develop both an in-depth knowledge and understanding in a key professional area. Units are available in a mix of modes: Intensive (during school holidays), Semi-intensive (four Saturdays over a semester), and External or Online. Students should check the unit schedule to determine the mode(s) of particular units.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The Master of Education is a coursework degree. It is a one-year full-time degree or part-time equivalent requiring the completion of eight units. A wide range of diverse and professionally stimulating units are on offer to students, both within the School of Education and other Schools of the University of Notre Dame Australia. The structure of the degree entails two compulsory units, one elective unit and five specialisation units.

Compulsory Units:
- One unit of Theology or Ethics
- One unit of Research Methods

Specialisations:
- Religious Education
- Leadership and Management
- Early Childhood Education
- Special Learning Needs
- Curriculum

Elective Unit
Students select one elective unit from any of the specialisations. Students may also select the elective unit from the postgraduate offerings of another School within the University.

Research Units
The School of Education offers two research units:
- ED6002 Applied Research Methods in Education
- ED6765 Action Research in Education

Master of Education (Religious Education)
UNDA Course Code 5031
In addition to the two compulsory and one elective units, students must also complete five specialisation units from the list below:
- ED6000 Critical and Creative Thinking in Religious Education
- ED6001 Retreat Leadership in Catholic Schools
- ED6160 Christian Formation in Education
- ED6182 Values across the Curriculum
- ED6188 Critical Issues in Religious Education I
- ED6189 Critical Issues in Religious Education II
- ED6192 Understanding Jesus’ Heritage: Implications for Religious Education
- ED6200 Justice and Social Teaching
- ED6260 Pastoral Care and the School
- ED6320 Theories and Models of Leadership for Catholic Schools
- ED6381 Educating for a New Earth and the Environmental Challenge
- ED6507 Theology of Leadership
- ED6960 Religious and Spiritual Development of Young People
- ED6970 The Professional Religious Educator

Master of Education (Leadership and Management)
UNDA Course Code 5029
In addition to the two compulsory and one elective units, students must also complete five specialisation units from the list below:
- ED6001 Retreat Leadership in Catholic Schools
- ED6160 Christian Formation in Education
- ED6260 Pastoral Care and the School
- ED6320 Theories and Models of Leadership for Catholic Schools
- ED6420 Leading Curriculum Planning
- ED6509 Leadership as Reflective Practice
- ED6581 Professional Supervision of Beginning Teachers
- ED6670 Strategic Management in Education
- ED6970 The Professional Religious Educator
- JS606 Ethical Leadership for Today’s Organisation

Master of Education (Curriculum)
UNDA Course Code 5027
In addition to the two compulsory and one elective units, students must also complete five specialisation units from the list below:
- ED6182 Values across the Curriculum
- ED6200 Justice and Social Teaching
- ED6243 Trends in Early Childhood Development
- ED6244 Integration in Early Childhood Development
- ED6245 Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching
Master of Education (Early Childhood)
UNDA Course Code 5028
In addition to the two compulsory and one elective units, students must also complete five specialisation units from the list below:

- ED6003 Holistic Development in Early Childhood
- ED6004 Early Childhood Curriculum Development
- ED6243 Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching
- ED6244 Integration in Early Childhood Education
- ED6801 Early Childhood Practicum Experience (2 weeks with babies and toddlers (0-2 years) within a childcare context and 10 weeks with children aged 3-5 years within a school or childcare context)*

*ED6240 Educating Children with Special Needs - Students who already hold an ECE qualification are not required to undertake the practicum. In its place, students complete ED6240 Educating Children with Special Needs.

Master of Education (Special Learning Needs)
UNDA Course Code 5032
In addition to the two compulsory and one elective units, students must also complete five specialisation units from the list below:

- ED6240 Educating Children with Special Needs
- ED6331 Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- ED6400 Instructional Strategies for Learning Difficulties
- ED6430 Behaviour Management and Social Skills Instruction
- ED6660 Adaptive Education for the Inclusive Classroom
- ED6890 Children of High Ability: Gifted and Talented

**MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT**

Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in Summer Term (January), in Semester One (February), April Intensive, Winter Term (July), Semester Two (July) or October Intensive, subject to unit availability. The assessment of competency in each unit may consist of formal presentations and a number of written assignments or projects during the semester.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students applying for the Master of Education courses must hold the equivalent of a four year teaching qualification and have at least three years of professional experience.

Please consult the Notre Dame Course Guide for application due dates. Applications received after the due date cannot be guaranteed an interview.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide. International students refer to the International Course Guide. For more information please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au

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