Graduate Certificates in Education

UNDA Course Code below
Not available for international students
2017

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 offers an array of Graduate Certificates in Education that enable four-year trained teachers to develop their skills in a particular area by accessing a sequence of four units. The Graduate Certificate program provides flexible learning options with the opportunity to upgrade their qualification to a Master of Education on completion of a further four units.

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

Notre Dame offers the following Graduate Certificates in Education:

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

COURSE STRUCTURE
Graduate Certificate in Education (Curriculum)
UNDA Course Code 4068
This course provides a cohesive, specialised study for those wishing to develop their understanding of contemporary curriculum.

Students must complete four of the following units:

- ED6182 Values Across the Curriculum
- ED6200 Justice and Social Teaching
- ED6243 Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching
- ED6244 Integration in Early Childhood Development
- ED6381 Educating for a New Earth and the Environmental Challenge
- ED6420 Leading Curriculum Planning
- ED6640 Teaching in the Middle Years of Schooling
- ED6660 Adaptive Education for the Inclusive Classroom
- ED6670 Strategic Management in Education
- ED6890 Children of High Ability: Gifted and Talented

Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood)
UNDA Course Code 4069
This is a course in early childhood studies that enables primary trained teachers to gain a professional, Industry recognised qualification. The course provides specialised study for those wishing to develop their skills and qualifications to teach in the early years of school.

For students who are Primary trained and seeking an Early Childhood qualification, four theoretical units are completed plus a Practicum unit:

- 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)

For students who are already Early Childhood trained and seeking to further their qualifications, the following four theoretical units are completed:

- 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

Graduate Certificate in Education (Leadership & Management)
UNDA Course Code 4071
This course provides a cohesive, specialised study for teachers wishing to develop their leadership skills and qualifications. The course will be of special interest to those aspiring to higher management positions in schools and other educational institutions.

Students must complete four of the following units:

- 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
- ED6507 Theology of Leadership
- ED6509 Leadership as Reflective Practice
- ED6581 Professional Supervision of Beginning Teachers
- ED6640 Teaching in the Middle Years of Schooling
- ED6670 Strategic Management in Education
- ED6890 The Professional Religious Educator
- JS606 Ethical Leadership for Today’s Organisations

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Graduate Certificate in Education (Special Learning Needs)
UNDA Course Code 4072
This course provides a cohesive, specialised study for those wishing to develop their Special Needs skills and qualifications.

Students must complete four of the following units:
- 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

Graduate Certificate in Religious Education
UNDA Course Code 4073
The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education provides cohesive, specialised study for those wishing to develop their Religious Education skills and qualification. The Graduate Certificate allows a student to quickly complete a Religious Education upgrade or specialisation. Many students who originally enrol in the Graduate Certificate go on to complete the Masters program.

Students are required to complete four units of study at Masters level consisting of:

One Core Theology Unit:
- TH542 Christology OR
- TH544 Mystery of Christ 4: Church and Sacraments

And one Core Religious Education Unit:
- ED6188 Critical Issues in Religious Education 1 OR
- ED6189 Critical Issues in Religious Education 2

And two Religious Education electives from the schedule of units offered each year.

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) or April Intensive, in Winter Term (July), in 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 assignments or projects during the semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Students applying for the Graduate Certificate in 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.

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