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Graduate Certificates in Education



Why study a graduate certificate in Education at CSU?

As education in Australia undergoes considerable re-organisation, there is a renewed emphasis on professional development to prepare teachers for new roles and responsibilities. In addition, the award restructuring process and related change to salary scales is producing demands for professional upgrading in specific areas.

The aim of Charles Sturt University's (CSU's) graduate certificates in Education is to offer students enrolled in undergraduate teacher education programs, or graduate teachers, the opportunity to undertake a graduate certificate that focuses on a specialised area of education.

Postgraduate study is all about developing your passion for education, and creating opportunities for professional advancement and promotion throughout your career. The various graduate certificate courses offer graduate teachers, particularly early-career teachers, the opportunity to undertake further study to build their professional knowledge in their area of interest.

All CSU graduate certificates in Education reflect contemporary practice in the various fields, which position graduates at the forefront of current thinking, while retaining a broad-based focus on the traditional scope of preparation in education.

The course duration is approximately one year part-time for the majority of courses but this can vary, with many classes being run over Session 3, which runs from November to February. They are all available to international students, with the exception of the Graduate Certificate in Educational Research.

Current undergraduate students

CSU's graduate certificates in Education, with the exception of the Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education and the Graduate Certificate in Educational Research, are available to current undergraduate students and can be studied concurrently with their existing course.

Who might be interested in the courses?

- graduate teachers who wish to upgrade their existing qualifications or specialise in a particular area of interest
- students enrolled in any of CSU's Bachelor of Education degrees or education bachelor degrees at another tertiary institution, who are in their second, third or fourth year of study and wish to study for a graduate certificate while completing their degree
- recent graduates of an undergraduate teaching degree or double degree who wish to gain additional qualifications
- current CSU students who are studying other disciplines and want to complement their studies.



“I studied at CSU because it was the recommended university by the Department of Education and Training. CSU has taught me valuable lessons in understanding the expectations and aspirations of high school students.”

Ben Shaw, CSU Graduate

Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Services

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Child and Family Services affords students the opportunity to study child and family services in greater depth and breadth.

It also offers graduate teachers, particularly early-career teachers, those working in the birth to five sector and the early years of school, the opportunity to undertake further study to build their professional knowledge in this area.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/child_family_services

Graduate Certificate in Classroom Technology

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Classroom Technology offers students the opportunity to gain up-to-date in-depth knowledge and expertise in classroom technologies. It aims to extend the teaching abilities of the students, create opportunities for critical reflection on practice, and enhance employment prospects through an innovative use of workplace learning.

This course also offers graduate teachers at all levels of classroom experience, the opportunity to undertake further study to build their knowledge in technology education.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/classroom_technology

Graduate Certificate in Educational Research

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Educational Research provides an introduction to research methods used in the field of education.

The course also prepares students who want to undertake a research project and dissertation.

It consists of an overview of common educational research methods and a more in-depth focus on qualitative and quantitative research methodologies.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/educational_research_gc

Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education aims to produce highly skilled educators capable of working in a collaborative capacity in a range of inclusive settings.

The goal of the program is to provide students with the core knowledge and skills required to teach, consult, advocate and evaluate in an inclusive service delivery model. The course has also been designed to cover international and Australian theory in the field of inclusion.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/inclusive_education_gc

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Education

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Education offers to extend teaching abilities and understanding of some of the challenges and opportunities in Indigenous education. It aims to, develop critical reflection on practice, and enhance employment prospects through the use of placements, research and in-depth study in the Indigenous education discipline area.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/indigenous_education_gc



“I was 36, had two young children, worked three days per week and taught two nights per week when I decided to return to study part-time. It required commitment to a level that honestly I didn't know I was capable of, but once I commenced my study I was even more determined to finish.”

Monica Gaffney, CSU Graduate



Graduate Certificate in Literacy

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Literacy offers students the opportunity to undertake a course of study that has a focus on developing knowledge and helping children develop literacy skills.

The course offers graduate teachers the opportunity to undertake further study to build professional knowledge in the area of literacy education. The course also prepares students to meet the challenges of teaching literacy in a 21st Century multimodal globalised world.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/literacy_gc

Graduate Certificate in Literacy and Numeracy (Early Years)

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Literacy and Numeracy (Early Years) offers students the opportunity to explore the literacy and numeracy transitions experienced by young children as they move from prior-to-school settings into school.

Students will also have the chance to reflect on their own practices in order to inform their professional lives.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/literacy_numeracy_early_years

Graduate Certificate in Secondary Education

CSU's Graduate Certificate in Secondary Education is designed to further develop teaching expertise and qualifications in specific subject areas in the secondary school sector.

The course aims to provide a postgraduate program offering students enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (K-12 Middle Schooling) the opportunity to complete a second high school specialisation in either Economics, English, Geography, History or Information Technology or, in the case of students with English or Mathematics as their high school area, the opportunity to undertake further subjects in their chosen subject area.

For more information, visit:
www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/secondary_education

Some reasons for studying a Graduate Certificate in Education:

- courses prepare teachers for new roles and responsibilities
- they aid professional upgrading in specific areas
- opportunity to build professional knowledge in a specialised area
- courses reflect contemporary practice in the various fields
- lecturers are passionate about teaching and provide a high level of student support
- CSU lecturers are considered leaders in the field of education research
- courses are offered by distance education allowing you to study in a way that suits your lifestyle.



Malerie Borbath
Principal,
Halton District School Board

“ I thoroughly enjoyed the CSU experience. The online format provided the flexibility I needed and the nature of the assignments ensured that I thought critically about current topics in educational research.

“As a result of my own learning, I am better able to engage my staff in discussions relevant to student learning. I recommend the program regularly to colleagues.”

Professor Jo-Anne Reid
Sub Dean
(Teacher Education)
Faculty of Education, CSU

“There is nothing more precious to us as individuals and as a society than our children and for me, the quality and nature of the care and education that a society provides is the ultimate marker of our future sustainability.

“Research into all forms of education is of the highest importance. From close study of the way children learn, or struggle to learn, to enquiry into enhanced teaching strategies, to the effects of changing economic, physical or social contexts on larger populations of learners, our research will impact on our children, and our children’s children.”

For more information about courses and how to apply, please contact info.csu:

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Distance education at a glance

Distance education (DE), gives you the flexibility to study from home, work, or anywhere in the world, at a time that suits you and your lifestyle.

Distance education students gain the same qualifications as those studying on campus, completing the same subjects and with access to many of the same teaching staff.

The advantages of studying by distance education include the ability to:

- change or enhance your career prospects wherever you are – rural, metropolitan or overseas locations
- fit study around work, social or family commitments
- develop and demonstrate your autonomy through self-motivation and self-direction of your degree
- be included in uni life through contact with other students through CSU's online learning environment, residential schools and through direct contact with your lecturers via the forum, email or phone
- have time to review your study materials without having to rush off to the next class.

As a distance education student, you:

- can study wherever and whenever you want – it's your choice
- don't have to worry about being at lectures and tutorials at times that may not fit in with your lifestyle
- usually study two subjects per session, with each subject needing around 8 - 10 hours of study per week
- often have both full-time and part-time study options available so you can vary your study load to fit in with your schedule – from one subject per session to four or five.

For more information, visit: www.csu.edu.au/distance-education

Experienced staff

CSU's School of Education consists of a collaborative group of people who are committed to their research and teaching. They bring with them a variety of backgrounds and experiences that span all the stages of schooling and vocational education and training.

The staff have a wide range of experience in schools and training contexts, and this knowledge contributes to the skills they bring to their roles as teacher educators. The mixture of youth and experience that characterises our staff profile creates an environment of enthusiasm, energy and commitment to learning.

