

# Doctor of Philosophy (Education/Information Studies)

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## **Doctor of Philosophy (Education/Information Studies)**

The Doctor of Philosophy is a research degree for students who have an excellent academic record, who have developed expertise in a substantive area and who have proven research skills. The Doctor of Philosophy offers candidates the opportunity for advanced, critical reflection and research at a level that is going to contribute to the knowledge base of their discipline. As a Doctoral Degree (Research), the Doctor of Philosophy produces better informed, skilled and reflective professional practitioners and, in doing so, equips professionals for diverse and changing work contexts by offering the development of skills and knowledge that will have enduring benefits.

Candidates in the Doctor of Philosophy by Publication are expected to be experienced researchers with a significant refereed publication record of doctoral standard. The Doctor of Philosophy by Publication requires candidates to demonstrate the originality and significance of their published research presented in a thesis (or in another appropriate form). In the published research and the thesis (or in another appropriate form), candidates must demonstrate advanced theoretical and methodological knowledge.

### **The course includes the following awards:**

Doctor of Philosophy *PhD*

### **Course Study Modes and Locations**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (3901AA)**

*Distance Education - Uni Wide*

*On Campus - Uni Wide*

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (Extended) (3904AA)**

*Distance Education - Uni Wide*

*On Campus - Uni Wide*

**Doctor of Philosophy (By Publication) (3905AA)**

*Distance Education - Uni Wide*

*On Campus - Uni Wide*

Availability is subject to change, please verify prior to enrolment.

**Normal course duration****Doctor of Philosophy (Education/Information Studies)**

Full-time 3.0 years (6.0 sessions)

For normal candidature: Overall Duration (FTE): 3.0

Full-time: 3 years minimum/4 years maximum

Part-time: 6 years minimum/8 years maximum

For candidates in the PhD by Prior Publication: Overall Duration (FTE): 0.5

Full-time: 6 months minimum /1 year maximum

Part-time: 12 months minimum/ 2 years maximum

Normal course duration is the effective period of time taken to complete a course when studied Full-time (Full-time Equivalent: FTE). Students are advised to consult the Enrolment Pattern for the actual length of study. Not all courses are offered in Full-time mode.

**Admission criteria**

[CSU Admission Policy](#)

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the University holds the delegated authority of approval for admission to research higher degree programs.

**Doctor of Philosophy****Basis of Approval for Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy**

The RAC shall base its decision on admission to a proposed Doctor of Philosophy candidature upon the following evidence, that:

- the proposed program of study and research is at a level appropriate to the degree being sought;
- the proposed area of research falls within an approved University field of research for admission to a higher degree by research;

- the proposed supervisors are sufficiently expert in the area of research, and have the time and commitment to be able to provide appropriate supervision, and that adequate physical resources are available;
- the applicant has the appropriate background and ability to undertake the proposed course (refer also to Entry Qualifications, below);
- the applicant has given the necessary commitment to work regularly on the approved program of study and research and maintain regular contact with the supervisor(s).

### **Entry Qualifications for Doctor of Philosophy Degree**

The entry qualifications required for admission to a Doctor of Philosophy program are:

- qualified for the award of a Master by Research at an acceptable level; or
- an appropriate Bachelor degree with class 1 or class 2(i) honours from another Australian university or an equivalent overseas tertiary institution, taken over a minimum of four years (full-time equivalent); or
- qualified for entry into a Charles Sturt University Master by Research program and duly enrolled and shown exceptional ability in the conduct of a research project which is clearly capable of being extended to a doctoral level; or
- qualified for the award of a coursework Master's degree with a research component. It is normally expected that a grade equivalent to the appropriate class of Honours will have been obtained; or
- some other appropriate combination of undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications (such as relevant graduate diplomas) and research experience that demonstrate capacity to undertake research at a Doctoral level.

### **Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication**

#### **Basis of Approval for Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication**

The RAC shall base its decision on admission to a proposed Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication candidature upon the evidence required for admission to a Doctor of Philosophy and in addition the following evidence:

- i. the publications (which may include books and non-print materials) that will be included in the submission presented for examination;
- ii. any information on the quality and citations of the publications to be included in the submission;
- iii. a statement making clear the applicant's contribution to all jointly-authored publications;
- iv. a statement from the co-authors of any jointly-authored publications confirming the extent of the applicant's contribution to these publications;
- v. a statement of no more than five pages that:
  - indicates the way in which the work has developed;
  - demonstrates the contemporary relevance of each publication;
  - makes clear the way in which the publications make an original scholarly contribution to knowledge;

- provides a thematic overview which serves to link the individual publications into an integrated whole;
- confirms the papers have not previously been submitted as part of a degree;
- a statement indicating whether or not additional research activity may be required in order to convert the publications to an integrated whole, and if so, an outline of the necessary work;
- the names of two persons who are able to provide academic references relevant to the proposed PhD candidature.

The application for the Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication will be subject to external assessment.

### **Entry Qualifications for Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication Degree**

A candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication is expected to be an experienced researcher with a significant historical record of refereed publications of doctoral standard. An applicant for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication shall meet the requirements specified admission to a Doctor of Philosophy program. Admission to candidature will be subject to external assessment.

An applicant who has already been awarded a PhD will not be admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Prior Publication.

### **Credit**

[CSU Credit Policy](#)

No special arrangements apply.

### **Graduation requirements**

To graduate students must satisfactorily complete 192 points.

### **Course Structure**

The following field of research (FOR) areas are approved categories of research supervision in the Faculty of Education:

- Education Systems
- Curriculum and Pedagogy
- Specialist Studies in Education
- Other Education
- Library and Information Studies

Students enrol in one of the following research subjects for the period of their candidature:

[ERT701](#) Doctoral Research (Education) (Part-time)

[ERT702](#) Doctoral Research (Education) (Full-time)

[INF701](#) Doctoral Research (Information Studies) (Part-time)

[INF702](#) Doctoral Research (Information Studies) (Full-time)

### **Enrolment Pattern**

No enrolment pattern is specified. Students are advised to contact the Sub-Dean Graduate Studies for relevant information.

### **Contact**

For further information about Charles Sturt University, or this course offering, please contact info.csu on 1800 334 733 (free call within Australia) or email [inquiry@csu.edu.au](mailto:inquiry@csu.edu.au)

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