

Sheridan Course Guide

Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education

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Introduction

The Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education (GradCertEd) is aimed at individuals who seek to deepen their understanding of educational practice. The program promotes the emergence of educational leaders across the independent, Catholic and public school systems. Sheridan seeks to train educators who exemplify professional excellence, address the needs in their school community and/or incorporate Christian perspectives into their personal and professional lives. Instruction takes place in a supportive environment that fosters intellectual inquiry, equips for professional practice and encourages servant leadership. Sheridan anticipates that the GradCertEd program will be a catalyst for building capacity within each teacher's school that will lead to school improvement, and cultivating a "learning community" for both students and staff.

The GradCertEd is a nested qualification within the Sheridan Master of Education (MEd). GradCertEd graduates who are subsequently accepted into the MEd program will receive full credit for the first six (6) months of their MEd course. This course will not enable graduates to register as a qualified teacher in a school or educational facility.

The Graduate Certificate of Education is accredited by TEQSA at Level 8 of the Australian Qualifications Framework.

Mode of Study and Assessment

The Graduate Certificate of Education is delivered face-to-face via lectures, tutorials and seminars and is supported by the Sheridan online Learning Management System, Canvas. Sheridan does not offer an external study option for remote students.

Assessments typically consist of a combination of case studies, essays, presentations, quizzes, project plans, literature reviews, and/or reports. There are no examinations in the GradCertEd program.

Professional Learning Outcomes

The Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education

contributes to further professional learning requirement for teachers to maintain their teacher registration with the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA). Students may also submit assessment items as supporting evidence for national certification as Highly Accomplished or Lead Teacher through the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL).

Expected Learning Outcomes

Graduate Certificates qualify individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts to undertake professional or highly skilled work and as a pathway for further learning.

Upon completion of the Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate specialised understanding of theoretical knowledge and workplace practice in education.
2. Critically evaluate current and past scholarship and professional practice in the field of education in the light of contemporary research, of workplace practice, including perspectives grounded in Christian scholarship.
3. Demonstrate your ability to analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories in education for application across multi-disciplinary contexts.
4. Demonstrate your intellectual independence through the application of critical and creative thinking to the study and/or professional practice of education at both an abstract and practical level.
5. Communicate your specialist understanding of knowledge and professional practice to specialist and non-specialist audiences through prepared presentations and projects in a variety of settings.
6. Model a high level of self-discipline, professional judgment, personal integrity, teamwork and respect for the dignity of individuals and groups in study and workplace settings.

Each unit you take in the Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education program will contribute towards the

fulfilment of these broader learning outcomes.

Course Structure

A total of 12 credit points must be taken to complete the Sheridan GradCertEd program. Each unit is worth 3 credit points.

A total of four (4) units must be taken to complete the Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education program. Each unit is worth three (3) credit points for a total of twelve (12) credit points.

Required Units

All students must complete the core unit *ED550 Worldview Foundations of Education* to be eligible for the Graduate Certificate of Education award. *ED509 Introduction to Schooling in Australia* is a core unit for international students.

Core Units (1-2 units)

- ED550 Worldview Foundations of Education
- ED509 Introduction to Schooling in Australia (core for international students)

Elective Units

In addition to the core unit(s) above, students must complete two or three different elective units from the list below to complete a total of four units (12 credit points) to be eligible for the Graduate Certificate of Education award.

Elective Units (choose 2-3 units)

- ED509 Introduction to Schooling in Australia
- ED620 Curriculum Construction: Analysis and Perspectives
- ED630 Assessment and Evaluation: Refining Understanding and Practices
- ED631 Mentoring
- ED635 Cognitive Science in Education
- ED642 Creative Teaching and Learning
- ED673 Leading School Improvement
- ED692 Educational Research Methods
- BU673 Organisational Leadership

Academic Calendar

The Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education degree is a 6-month program (full-time) or equivalent part-time. At Sheridan units are delivered in two 15-week semesters. Each semester comprises 12 weeks of teaching, two non-teaching study weeks, and a final assessment (examination) week.

Entry Points

Students may enter the Graduate Certificate of Education at the beginning of any semester.

Fulltime students will be able to complete the program in 1 semester. Students are regarded as taking an annual full-time workload when they are enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) or more credit points in a single semester in a given year.

Sample GradCertEd Program (Fulltime student, Semester 1 entry)

| YEAR | SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|------|--|------------|
| 1 | ED550 Worldview Foundations of Education (3 cp) ED509 Introduction to Schooling in Australia (3cp) ED631 Mentoring (3 cp) ED642 Creative Teaching and Learning (3 cp) | |

Sample GradCertEd Program (Fulltime student, Semester 2 entry)

| YEAR | SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|------|------------|--|
| 1 | | ED550 Worldview Foundations of Education (3 cp) ED509 Introduction to Schooling in Australia (3cp) ED631 Mentoring (3 cp) ED642 Creative Teaching and Learning (3 cp) |

Part-time students may take two or more years to complete the course. Students are regarded as part-time when they take less than twelve (12) credit points per semester. Most Sheridan GradCertEd students take one unit per semester to complete the course in two years.

Sample GradCertEd Program (Part-time)

| YEAR | SEMESTER 1 | SEMESTER 2 |
|------|--|--|
| 1 | ED550 Worldview Foundations in Education (3cp) | ED620 Curriculum Construction: Analysis and Perspectives (3cp) |
| 2 | ED630 Assessment and Evaluation: Refining Understandings and Practices (3cp) | ED631 Mentoring (3cp) |

Course Workload

The Graduate Certificate of Education may be completed in six months if taken full-time or in one or more years if taken part-time. Students taking one unit per semester, will be able to complete the qualification in two years. Students are regarded as taking an annual

full-time workload when they are enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) or more credit points in a single semester in a given year. Students are regarded as part-time when they take less than twelve (12) credit points per semester.

International students must complete twelve (12) credit points per semester as required by their visa obligations related to course duration.

A typical Graduate Certificate of Education unit represents 168 hours of study (12 hours per week over 14 weeks). The 168 hours will consist of seminars for 36 hours (3 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks) and private study for 132 hours (9 hours per week over 12 teaching weeks plus 12 hours per week over 2 non-teaching weeks).

Rules of Progression

The units in the GradCertEd have been designed as discrete subjects which do not require prerequisites. Units may be taken in any order.

Location

Teaching sessions take place after school hours (4.30pm - 7.30pm) at the Sheridan CBD campus.

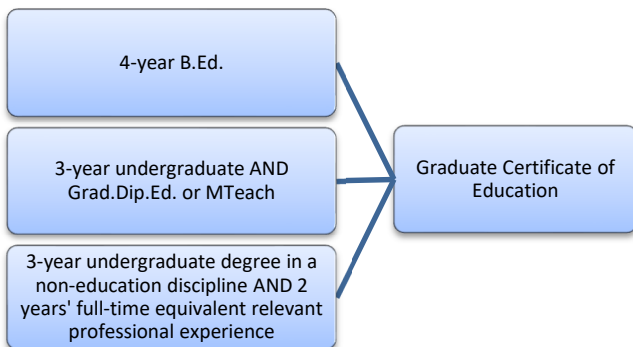
Admission Requirements

Domestic Students

Completion of 4-year pre-service teacher education award (for example, a Bachelor of Education), or 3-year undergraduate award and minimum 1-year postgraduate pre-service teacher education award (for example, a Graduate Diploma of Education or a Master of Teaching).

Students who successfully completed a 3-year undergraduate degree in a non-education discipline are also eligible for admission with 2 years' full-time equivalent relevant professional experience.

Admission pathways into GradCertEd



International Students

In addition to the requirements listed above, international students require an IELTS score of 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in reading and writing, and no band lower than 6.0.

Both domestic and international applicants must also complete a satisfactory interview to assess their readiness for the Graduate Certificate of Education.

For more information about admissions requirements, decisions of equivalence, or alternative admissions arrangements, please contact the Registrar.

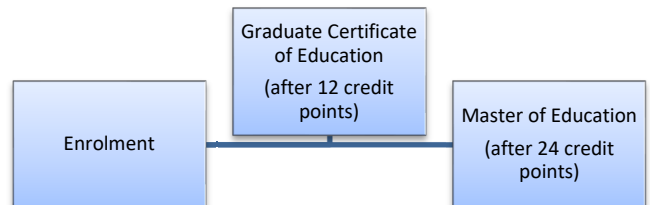
Early Exit Points

There are no early exit points from the GradCertEd.

Future Learning Pathways

The Sheridan Graduate Certificate of Education is a nested course within the Sheridan Master of Education. Graduates of the Graduate Certificate of Education will receive advanced standing into the Master of Education with full credit awarded for the four completed units (12 credit points).

Future learning pathway from GradCertEd



Tuition

Sheridan is a not-for-profit higher education provider. Student tuition fees aim to reduce financial barriers to higher education.

In 2023 domestic students will pay \$850 per unit (total \$3,400) for the Graduate Certificate of Education.

In 2023 international students will pay \$1,650 per unit (total \$6,600) for the Graduate Certificate of Education.

There are no additional expenses for textbooks and field trips. These items are fully covered by the tuition fees outlined above.

Tuition-Free Placements

Graduates and current staff of Baptist schools in Western Australia are invited to register for a selected number of tuition-free placements offered each year. Tuition-free placement students are asked to cover the costs of textbooks and field trips only.



Further Information

If you would like to know more about the course or about Sheridan, please visit sheridan.edu.au or contact the Registrar enquiries@sheridan.edu.au.

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