

Thinking about becoming a teacher?

Do you want to guide children in their formative years, building the foundations for their future success? Have you ever thought of working to help shape the educational future of the country? Maybe live and work overseas? Studying education at the University of Wollongong gives you the opportunity to do all this and more.

There are two ways to qualify as a primary or secondary teacher:

>> A four year specialist education undergraduate degree, such as a Bachelor of Primary Education

>> Any other undergraduate degree such as a Bachelor of Arts (with subjects suitable for teaching) **plus** a postgraduate course, such as a one year Graduate Diploma of Education. The Graduate Diploma in Education is a professional one-year postgraduate teacher education program.

Secondary school teachers teach one or more subjects to students in Year 7 to Year 12. These subjects are broadly grouped into the following eight key learning areas:

>> **English >> Mathematics >> Science >> Human Society and its Environment >> Languages other than English >> Technological and Applied Studies >> Creative Arts >> Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.**

Primary school teachers are trained to teach across six key learning areas:

>> **English >> Mathematics >> Human Society and its Environment >> Science and Technology >> Creative and Practical Arts >> Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.**

With specialist training you can work in areas such as special education, English as a second language, vocational education, teacher librarianship, careers education and school counselling.

At UOW Southern Highlands you can complete a three year undergraduate Bachelor of Arts or Commerce degree which satisfies the requirements for enrolment in the University of Wollongong's Graduate Diploma in Education in either Primary or Secondary teaching. This can be studied at the Wollongong, Shoalhaven, Batemans Bay or Bega Campuses. If you have a degree from another institution, you may be eligible to complete the Graduate Diploma in Education if your degree meets the entry requirements.

Full time or part time study?

The course is one year full-time or two years part-time, over an extended academic year from mid-January to mid-November.

Primary Teaching

The program involves lectures, seminars, tutorials, individual assignments, group exercises and blocks of supervised practice teaching in schools. Teaching practice and experience are provided in collaboration with local schools. The program provides a teaching qualification that is recognised by the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) the Catholic Education Office, independent primary schools and employing authorities in other states. It is also accepted internationally.

[More information about Primary teaching?](#)

Secondary Teaching

Secondary school teachers teach one or more subjects to students in Year 7 to Year 12. At the secondary level, together with the study of core education subjects, the teaching subjects known as 'methods' will be available in a number of subject areas. The number of 'method' subjects offered to students is dependent on the number of applicants, and not all methods are available each year.

[More information about Secondary teaching?](#)

Overseas Professional Experience

Students in the program have the option of completing part of their professional experience overseas. The overseas experience parallels and earns the same credit towards the Graduate Diploma as the three-week

local professional experience. The time overseas offers an illuminating professional experience that is both different from and yet relevant to teaching in Australia. In addition, through contacts with teachers and students, there is the opportunity for a much more meaningful interaction with a different culture than is available to most overseas visitors.

NOTE: A limited number of places are available for overseas Professional Experience. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Where to now?

If you have completed an undergraduate degree or equivalent:

1. Apply to the Faculty of Education for a formal assessment of your studies (Letter of Assessment) by the **30th June** by completing the [GDE Application Guide](#).

Please allow thirty working days for the return of your assessment advice.

Applications to the Graduate Diploma in Education program need to be made by **31st October** –see **2 below**.

2. Apply for a position in the program (click [here](#))
 - o Attach your Letter of Assessment stating that your undergraduate degree is approved for teaching.
 - o You should include a statement regarding your teaching philosophy (no more than one page) and a brief overview (no more than one page) of any previous formal or informal teaching positions or leadership roles.
3. The deadline for receipt of applications is **31st October**.
4. Offers are made in **December** Acceptance and enrolment are in **January** .
5. You cannot defer your offer into the program. You will need to re-apply for each year in which you wish to study.
6. Applications should be forwarded to:
University of Wollongong,
Faculty of Education,
Student Service Centre,
Northfield Avenue,
Wollongong.NSW, 2522

If you have no prior university qualifications:

Apply to study an undergraduate degree. Click [here](#) for more information about studying at UOW Southern Highlands.

Scholarships

A number of teaching scholarships are made available each year by the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) and the NSW Teachers' Federation. For further information please go to:

<http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/>

More information?

For further information about teaching as a career option, please visit the [Department of Education and Training web site](#).

For further information about teacher requirements, refer to the [NSW Institute of Teachers' web site](#).

For further information about the University of Wollongong Graduate Diploma in Education program phone: **4221 3981** or refer to the [Graduate Diploma in Education web site](#).