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MASTER OF TEACHING (PRIMARY STUDIES)



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WELCOME

We look forward to welcoming you to the Master of Teaching (Primary Studies) program at the University of Newcastle and thank you for making the decision to become a teacher. You will join a team of dedicated staff and students committed to excellence, equity and education.

Teachers have and always will be instrumental in making a difference and to shaping the future of our communities. Teachers are flexible, resilient, compassionate, creative, and knowledgeable. They are central to supporting students and families through the ever-changing global and local contexts. Never has this been more evident than during COVID. A spotlight has fallen on schools and the valuable role they play within the community. Therefore, there has never been a better time to become a teacher.

Our Master of Teaching (Primary Studies) program will build on your existing content knowledge and introduce you to the art and science of teaching and learning. We will develop you as a learner so that you can become an inspiring and impactful teacher. You will learn to be diagnostic and compassionate in your approach so that you can nurture and develop the potential of diverse children in diverse contexts.

The Master of Teaching program is taught by specialists in their field. We model best practice and innovative approaches to learning and teaching. We lead the nation in our quality teaching methods, the use of simulations and reflective practice processes

that prepare you for success during school-based placements and experiences that begin in your first trimester. You will also join our alumni who enjoy fantastic full-time employment rates upon graduation.

The journey in the Master of Teaching program is fast-paced, intense and deeply personal. You will be asked to challenge some of the perspectives you have about schooling whilst you will learn new pedagogies and theories about learning. We aim to develop your confidence and capabilities as a teacher so that you can effectively and respectfully teach students to become successful contributors to society.

As a teacher of over 30 years and an advocate for the teaching profession, I would like to welcome you into the greatest profession of them all. I look forward to meeting you on your arrival and announcing you as a graduate when you complete your Master of Teaching (Primary Studies) degree.

Professor Susan Ledger

Head of School – Dean of Education
College of Human and Social Futures

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

The Master of Teaching (Primary Studies) program at the University of Newcastle provides a postgraduate pathway into a highly successful and rewarding career in teaching in your home country. The program develops graduates who are outstanding teachers who act professionally, ethically and effectively in their professional contexts; who engage in critical inquiry in their practice; and who play a constructive leadership role in public discourse in and beyond education.



STRUCTURE

This innovative program is taught in trimester mode and takes a minimum of 2 years to complete, allowing you to fast-track your teaching career, or study part time to balance other commitments. The courses you study will provide you with the educational foundations required to be an excellent primary/elementary teacher, while preparing you to teach across the following subject areas from K-6: English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), Creative Arts, and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). You will complete two professional experience placements (the first orients you to primary/elementary teaching, and the second is an in-country internship).

PRACTICAL LEARNING

Opportunities to complement theory with hands-on learning are embedded into every stage of your teaching journey. You will complete 20 days of observation in a K-6 setting and 50 days of supervised practice in your home country. Students are expected to demonstrate a range of professional teaching competencies as part of the successful completion of the program.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

International applicants are able to apply for the **Master of Teaching (Primary Studies)** at any time through our **International Application System**. Once you have started your online application form you will be provided a reference number. Should you have any questions you can contact International Admissions with your reference number.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is available to international students only and requires the successful completion of a qualification equivalent to a completed Bachelor degree, with at least one year of full-time equivalent studies relevant to one or more areas of the primary school curriculum in the state, country or territory in which the student intends to teach, and a written piece of work. Admission to this program is restricted to applicants from countries where there is no reciprocal accreditation with New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA). Prior to admission to the program, applicants must verify their eligibility to undertake placement with the relevant education authority and be qualified to teach in their chosen state, country or territory. Examples of discipline study relevant to Key Learning Areas of the Primary curriculum are provided adjacent.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

All Applicants must have an English Language proficiency equivalent to an IELTS Overall Score of 6.5, with a Section Minimum in all areas of 6.5.

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Master of Teaching (Primary Studies) is not a New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) accredited program, which means upon completion of the program you will not qualify to practice as a teacher in NSW. Completion of the program requires students to return to the state, country or territory in which they intend to teach to undertake the final professional experience placement in the final trimester of the program. Admission to this program is restricted to applicants from countries where there is no reciprocal accreditation with NESA. Prior to admission to the program, please ensure that you have verified your eligibility to undertake placement with the relevant education authority and be qualified to teach in your chosen state, country or territory.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIMARY TEACHING

KEY LEARNING AREA	EXAMPLES OF RELEVANT DISCIPLINE STUDY
English	English with a strong core component of study of English literature, communications, creative writing, language studies (English), linguistics, literature studies, media studies (i.e. the theoretical study of media or where the product is a literary text).
Mathematics	Pure or applied mathematics, statistics, other studies of mathematics that are relevant to the central concepts, modes of enquiry and structure of the content/discipline(s).
Science and technology	Agriculture, architecture, biology, bio- technology, chemistry, computing studies, design - interior, industrial, graphic, fashion, product, landscape, engineering (chemical, mechanical, civil, electrical, environmental), design and technology, food technology, geology, Earth and environmental science, materials science, medicine, nursing, biomedical science, physics, psychology or similar fields which include processes of inquiry, design and production.
Human society and its environment	Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander studies, Aboriginal languages, anthropology, archaeology, Asian or Pacific studies, economics, business studies, cultural studies, sociology, geography, environmental studies, government & citizenship, history, languages, legal studies, political science, studies of religion.
Creative arts	Dance including practical experience in choreography and performance in various dance styles appropriate for primary education, drama including experiential involvement in making and performing drama, music including performing (singing, playing and moving), listening and organising sound (composing) within a range of repertoire, visual arts including art making and art history/theory, fine arts.
Personal development, health and physical education	Physical education studies, family studies, health studies, health promotion, human movement studies, nutrition education, sports science.

TIMETABLE FOR MASTER OF TEACHING APPLICATIONS 2021

DATE	ACTION
September 2021	Trimester 1 and 2 applications open. You can apply here .
7 January 2022	Applications for Trimester 1 2022 close.
17 January 2022	Trimester 1 2022 orientation will be held this week.
24 January 2022	Trimester 1 2022 commences.
22 April 2022	Applications for Trimester 2 2022 close.
2 May 2022	Trimester 2 2022 orientation will be held this week.
9 May 2022	Trimester 2 2022 commences.

MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the Master of Teaching (Primary Studies), application process, or studying with the University of Newcastle, [ASK UON](#) is a great place to start. You can also contact us on [1300 ASK UON](#). You can also contact the International Enquiries team at international-enquiries@newcastle.edu.au