



STUDY
MASTER OF
EDUCATION

Avondale





Postgraduate Education

Faculty of Education

These accredited post-graduate awards in Education offered by Avondale College (MEd & MEd(Hons)) provide advanced training in educational theory and practice, which focus on the professional, ethical, moral and spiritual dimensions of education. The emphasis of each award is towards improving the professional competency of practising the educators in independent and government schools.

Master of Education – Specialisation Options

- Curriculum
- Christian Education
- Educational Administration
- TESOL

Master of Education (Honours)

- (as above)

Why post-graduate studies in Education?

In the face of rapid socio-economic changes and societal expectations, the **professional development** of teachers (PD) is now being viewed as an important on-going process.

Continuing PD is no longer an option for educators but an essential requirement, given:

- The need to cater for an increasingly diverse pupil population
- Mounting pressure to up-date teacher knowledge bases
- Constant emphasis on excellence and teacher accountability for student performance
- Government policies which stress effectiveness, productivity and efficiency in education
- Employment and promotion practices where higher degrees provide a definite competitive edge
- Mandated by the various state professional institutes

How long will it take?

The Master of Education is offered as a two, three or four year part-time, or one-year full-time program. The MEd (Hons) is a three or four year part-time or an eighteen months full-time program.

What is required for admission?

Applicants for the **Master of Education** program are expected to have:

- An undergraduate 4-year education degree OR
- An appropriate degree and a graduate diploma in education OR
- Possess other academic qualifications deemed by the Course Admissions Committee (CAC) to be appropriate preparation for study at post-graduate level
- Applicants whose bachelor degree was not taught in English must demonstrate English language competency by achieving a level of 6.5 on the ILETS

Applicants for the **Master of Education (Hons)** program are expected to have completed:

- A 4-year education degree achieved at distinction level OR
- An honours degree in education OR
- A first degree at distinction of honours level followed by a Diploma of Education at distinction level OR
- 2 strand subjects and ED500 *Introduction to Educational Research* at distinction level or above. They will need to complete a major thesis as one component of the Honours program

It is preferable that applicants have had a minimum of three years' work experience deemed suitable by the CAC. Students of accredited post-graduate programs may be offered advanced standing up to the equivalence of 50% of the master's degree.

How are the subjects taught?

In the part-time format each subject in the course is delivered in mixed mode, comprising distance education components and a residentail session at Avondale, or other designated centre, in the middle of the delivery period (most often in July).

Who will be teaching?

The course is based in the Faculty of Education but also draws on resources within the faculties of Busiess & IT, Science & Mathematics, Arts and Theology. National and International adjunct teaching staff will also assist in the delivery of the program.

Course Structure

MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

This course consists of eight subjects, each of 6 credit points, totalling 48 credit points. A cluster of at least four subjects in a specialty area constitutes a specialty strand. The pattern of this award is as follows:

	(Cr Pts)
Core subject (<i>One of the following</i>)	6
ED520 Seminar in the Philosophy of Christian Education	
ED506 The Theology, Theory and Practice of Leadership	
ED512 Value Issues and Moral Development in Education	
ED507 The School as a Caring Community	
Research subject	6
ED500 Introduction to Education Research	
Strand subjects (4) (as selected)	24
Elective subjects (2) (as selected)	12
Total Credit Points	48

Course Structure

MASTER OF EDUCATION (HONS) DEGREE

This is a coursework masters degree consisting of five subjects, each of 3 credit points, and a 42 credit point thesis. The pattern of study for this award is as follows:

	(Cr Pts)
Core subject (1) (as selected)	6
Research subjects (2)	
ED500 Introduction to Educational Research	6
ED501 Research Methods	6
Strand subjects (2) (as selected)	12
Major thesis (7-subject equivalent)	42
Total Credit Points	72



Application

Costs (2007)

Tuition fee (per subject): \$1100AUD

Students are advised to investigate the possibility of employer sponsorship.

How to apply?

Application form should be requested from:

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or, obtain a digital application form by emailing
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