

TEACHING IN THE SCHOOL

Education at Murdoch provides initial teacher education, graduate studies in education leading to professional and higher degrees, and research qualifications. Its professional development qualifications and short courses are relevant to educators in a range of sectors, including schools, technical colleges, universities, industry, health and social services and to those wishing to develop social research and evaluation skills for professional work as research and development, evaluation or policy officers. Many academic staff offer professional development short courses and educational support to organisations outside the University both within Australia and internationally.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION

Murdoch provides a four-year Bachelor of Education degree or a one-year Graduate Diploma in Education for students wishing to become primary or secondary school teachers. These courses are available full time and part time, and through campus based study or distance education.

The four-year Bachelor of Education degree is the most common choice for students who wish to become primary teachers and a common choice for those wishing to become secondary teachers. Primary Teacher Education students complete a four-year programme of study during which approximately three quarters of their units are directly related to their development as teachers. They have a free choice with the remaining units and can use them to broaden their general education or develop a specialty teaching or interest area. Graduates are qualified to teach at junior, middle and upper primary levels. Secondary Teacher Education students in the Bachelor of Education course also complete a four-year programme of study, including almost half Education units and half specialist subject area units relevant to one of the learning areas in secondary schools. Students must complete a full major in their specialist teaching area.

The one-year Graduate Diploma in Education is an 'end on' qualification for students who already hold a Bachelor degree in some non-education field (typically a BA or BSc). For Primary Teacher Education students a wide range of undergraduate degrees is appropriate but for Secondary Teacher Education students the undergraduate degree must be relevant to one of the learning areas in secondary schools. Murdoch also offers students who are beginning or part of the way through a Bachelor degree in some non-education field the opportunity to enrol concurrently in an education programme. Typically students undertake a four-year programme of study leading to the concurrent award of a three-year degree and a Graduate Diploma in Education.

In addition to information in the University Handbook the School publishes an Education Guide which articulates its programmes.

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The one-year Bachelor of Education Studies provides teachers with the opportunity to broaden their teaching repertoire by combining education and non-education studies in an area of specialisation (e.g. Environmental Education, Special Education, Aboriginal and Islander Studies, Early Childhood Education, Media, Mathematics, Languages Other Than English (LOTE) and Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). It also provides an avenue for teachers who want to deepen their expertise in particular aspects of Education. This programme has been of interest to other professionals and community members who are interested in educational processes and issues.

Murdoch also offers a one-year Graduate Diploma in Education for professionals wanting a qualification in tertiary and adult teaching. Demand for the Tertiary and Adult Education Programme has continued to increase due to an emphasis on more professional educational practice in tertiary institutions and training in government, private and non-government organisations and on enhanced and more professional educational practice in tertiary institutions. Pathways for TAFE lecturers to enrol in the Graduate Diploma programme have been strengthened by the award of credit for the completion of several professional development programmes. For tertiary and adult teaching, enrolment in the course requires that students have or can arrange access to teaching groups; typically students are already in a teaching situation. The School also offers a Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Tertiary and Adult), which represents half of the Graduate Diploma Programme.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Social Research and Evaluation continues to attract able graduates from education, health, social science and a variety of other backgrounds.

There are four degrees now at the Masters level - the Master of Education (Coursework), the Master of Education (Coursework and Dissertation), the Master of Arts (Social Research and Evaluation), and the Master of Philosophy; there are two at the Doctoral level, the Doctor of Education and Doctor of Philosophy. The Master of Education (Coursework) provides advanced professional development for educators.

Programme Enrolments

	2000	2001
INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION		
Primary		
BEd 4 year	0	488
BEd Initial	423	57
BA/BSc/other degree + Grad Dip Ed	29	32
BA Primary Teacher Ed/Ed Studies	3	0
BEd/other degree	4	8
Grad Dip Ed	175	213
Sub Total	634	798
Secondary		
BEd 4 year	0	48
BEd Initial	15	1
BA/BSc/other degree + Grad Dip Ed	44	35
BEd/other degree	66	66
Grad Dip Ed	118	162
Sub Total	243	312
TERTIARY AND ADULT		
Grad Dip Ed/Grad Cert	89	80
Sub Total	89	80
FURTHER PROFESSIONAL STUDIES		
B Ed Studies	33	33
Grad Dip Ed Studies	1	0
Grad Cert Ed Studies	5	5
Grad Cert Maths	16	6
BprofStudies	45	15
Grad Dip/Cert Appl Lang Ed	4	1
MA Social Research Eval + PG Dip	9	8
MEd (Coursework)	16	12
Sub Total	129	80
RESEARCH		
MEd research/c'work & diss/Hons	21	24
MPhil/PhD	26	30
EdD	21	18
Sub Total	68	72
TOTAL	1163	1342

The enrolment numbers confirm that the School of Education has maintained and enhanced its place in education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels of education.