Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Why choose this course?
The course will prepare you to create learning experiences that will encourage, challenge, support and extend all learners. You will develop your own creative approaches to respond to the diverse needs of your students.

You’ll be qualified to teach primary subjects in the Australian Curriculum and other frameworks.

We will ensure you step into the classroom with confidence and continue to adapt to ongoing workforce changes and future opportunities. Teachers play a key role in preparing the next generation for the workforce of the future. Some key inclusions in the course are:

- a deep understanding of child and adolescent development
- curriculum and pedagogy knowledges and practices
- creating positive learning environments
- inclusion and diversity
- building positive relationships with parents, carers, communities, and education stakeholders
- digital technologies
- entrepreneurial thinking and leadership
- innovation and creativity
- evaluation and assessment
- developing your professional identity
- global perspectives
- resilience.

Real-world learning
Professional experience
We organise professional experience placements to give you the opportunity to work in a range of real school classrooms and other settings, supervised by practising professional educators.

These experiences help you to develop your capabilities as you progress through the course. You can complete your professional experience in a variety of locations including South-East Queensland, rural and remote schools, and overseas. You will be required to undertake the majority of your supervised professional experience in Australian school

Lua Tuigamala
Gain valuable experience

'I get to play an important role in shaping the education path children take. Having a teacher who understood my needs made all the difference for me, so that's what I want to do for my students. QUT gave me the opportunity to learn first-hand in local schools and rural and remote communities. I worked with experienced teachers who showed me how to create a positive rapport with each student and build trust and respect.'
settings. You can select from a range of experiences to align with your interests and career goals.

More real-world experience
You may also have the opportunity to gain extra experience through other programs offered by QUT including the Kelvin Grove Teacher Education Centre of Excellence and the Robotics@QUT program.

We offer opportunities to gain valuable experience overseas. These diverse cultural experiences can enhance your personal development and cultural competence, and show employers that you can deal with change and have initiative, commitment, flexibility, and compassion. You can apply for opportunities to travel overseas for semester exchange or short-term international programs offered in conjunction with our global partners. Your experience may contribute towards a unit in your course. You may also be eligible to receive funding for travel.

Learn from the best
You’ll learn from inspiring and innovative lecturers who are committed to providing a quality experience for the teachers of the future. Our lecturers have real-world experience and have a wealth of knowledge and advice to set you on the right path.

We’ve been recognised among the nation’s most outstanding teaching and learning programs. In the past nine years, QUT’s Faculty of Education has received eight Australian awards or citations for university teaching.

Entry requirements
Additional entry requirements
Pass the Initial Teacher Education Course (ITE) capabilities criteria.

Applicants must demonstrate possession of key competencies outlined by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) as those attributes and motivations common to effective teachers.

You must complete an online questionnaire to demonstrate your motivation for and understanding of, the course and profession. In the questionnaire you will be asked to:

- Rank a series of potentially appropriate statement responses, in order of what you think is most to least important.
- Provide two 500 word written statements addressing the categories and indicators as outlined on the Teacher Entry Fact Sheet.

QUT will send you details on how to complete the Initial Teacher Education Course (ITE) Capabilities Criteria questionnaire and submit your written statements after you have lodged an application.

Prerequisites
You must have passed four semesters at Australian high school level or equivalent:

- English; and
- at least one of Maths A, B or C; and
- at least one of Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Marine Science, Marine Studies, Physics or Science2.

Haven’t completed the prerequisite subjects?
You may be able to meet the prerequisite requirements if you’ve completed equivalent subjects, by completing bridging courses or the QUT Foundation program.

How to meet prerequisite requirements

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Real-world facilities
Experience the new Education Precinct at the heart of Kelvin Grove campus. With five levels dedicated to world-class teaching, you’ll have access to imaginatively designed face-to-face and online interactive learning spaces. A centrepiece of the Precinct is the Sphere, a digital LED globe suspended over two floors with a changing menu of innovative visual content.

To prepare you to be an inspiring, innovative and confident teacher for the future, you’ll be able to experiment and innovate in preparation for professional experiences in schools. The spaces facilitate just the right balance of collaborative learning, interaction and quiet individual research.

Our expert teaching staff will inspire you to push boundaries, be curious and innovate. Qualities you will in turn foster in the students you teach.

Customise your degree
You will undertake a primary specialisation as required by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership. This will enhance your skills in national areas of priority for a primary school setting. You can choose from:

- maths/numeracy
- science
- English/literacy.

In the third year of the course you can choose two option units in areas that you are interested in.

Career outcomes
You will be prepared to teach Prep to Year 6 in a primary school. Your qualification can also allow you to work across Australia and overseas.

Teachers develop a range of skills, knowledges and practices as a result of their own unique combination of work experiences and personal qualities. You will be empowered to shape your own career path and explore the many ways to make an impact. You can explore careers outside the classroom, including:

- education policy and program implementation
- training and development roles in private and public organisations
- education and outreach roles
- developing products for the education services industry
- learning designer
- entertainment industry roles
- consultancy
- education research.

Professional recognition
This course meets professional teaching standards for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership and Queensland College of Teachers. Graduates are eligible to apply for teacher registration.

Scholarships
You can apply for scholarships to help you with study and living costs.

- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)
- Equity scholarships scheme
- QUT Sport Scholarship (Elite)

a university for the real world
Advanced standing
If you wish to be considered for advanced standing (credit) for studies competed at another institution, you must supply supporting documentations with your application. Supporting documentations include your official academic transcripts, documents proving that you've completed your course, such as your diploma or certificate (if applicable) and unit outlines or course syllabus for the units you're seeking credit for. You will be considered for credit at the time we assess your application for admission into the course.

You do not need to submit a separate application.

Course requirements

Literacy and numeracy
You will need to successfully complete the National Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students to graduate from the course. You are permitted three test attempts in total for each component as a student at QUT. If you fail three test attempts for each component, you will not be able to graduate. You are not eligible to apply for a place in the course if you have failed two test attempts for one or more components, at another institution. The test will assess your personal literacy and numeracy skills. QUT provides you with one reimbursement to cover the cost of the test.

For more information view additional course costs and requirements.