Master of Education (Leadership and Management)

The Master of Education (Leadership and Management) is designed to prepare you for leadership in educational settings. The program focuses on building and enhancing leadership capacity in aspiring and existing leaders and will keep you at the forefront of ever-changing educational practice. At the heart of this qualification is a focus on leading the learning of others through ethical and sustainable practices, and a commitment to lifelong learning.

The four units that constitute the leadership and management area of interest complement each other by providing both solid foundational understandings about leadership that develop capacity, and skills in aspiring and existing leaders. The knowledge areas include leading and managing people; leadership concepts, theories and issues; leadership, policy and change in action; and strategic management. You will gain advanced knowledge in leadership and management in educational settings.

Why choose this course?
Throughout Australia, there has been a steady demand for postgraduate university programs to enhance leadership learning. In some states, including Queensland, a masters qualification is important for professionals who wish to apply for leadership positions. This course caters for educators from primary and secondary schools within Australia and overseas, as well as from fields such as higher education, social work and human resource development and training.

Flexible delivery
You can choose to study externally or on campus, and either part time or full time. All the lectures are recorded and study materials are available online. You can access these resources at any time to help you fit study into your lifestyle.

Entry requirements
Academic entry requirements
Master of Education - 1.5 year program
A completed recognised:
- bachelor degree (or higher award) in education; or
- bachelor honours degree (or higher award) in any field; or
- bachelor degree in any field plus 5 years of related professional work experience.

Karin Hanbidge
Relevant, collaborative learning

‘Postgraduate study was very helpful to my current job in leadership development and I was able to use real-world work issues as the basis for many assessment items. I was encouraged to share my knowledge of adult education in a corporate environment with those from a school environment, and in turn, was able to learn from the other students.’
Master of Education - 1 year program
A completed recognised honours degree in the field of education; or
A postgraduate degree (graduate certificate, graduate diploma or masters or higher) in the field of education.

Please note you do not need to apply for the 1 year program as you will be automatically assessed for eligibility as part of QUT's application for admission process.

Limited places
There are limited Commonwealth Supported places in this course. Places are likely to fill early so you are encouraged to apply for this course as soon as possible to secure a place.

Career outcomes
This course can enhance career outcomes for people in professional, schooling, and vocational and higher education contexts who:
- lead professional learning teams and design adult learning
- recruit, mentor and supervise others
- design and lead others though policy changes
- contribute to strategic planning, governance and management of others.

Through deep engagement with recent research and the opportunity to apply evidence-based principles to real life contexts, leadership students are able to create evidence of their leadership capacities for professional leadership portfolios. Previous students have used this qualification to apply for and attain promotions to leadership positions in schools, other educational institutions, hospitals, industry and the community sector.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

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

Advanced standing
On entry, you will be assessed for advanced standing (credit) for 48 credit points (4 units) based on a completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) level 8 or higher qualification in Education (An Honours year with a research component, graduate certificate, graduate diploma or higher), regardless of the age of the qualification. You do not need to apply for this credit.

Depending on your study area, you can receive up to 50 per cent advanced standing from masters or higher study completed in another program. Prior study must be current. Study over 10 years old is not normally considered. If you are applying for advanced standing for specific units, you will need to provide detailed unit/subject outlines from your previous study. These outlines must include learning outcomes, learning content, and assessment including word lengths. No advanced standing can be granted for undergraduate study, or postgraduate study at a lower level than masters.

You can also apply for advanced standing based on work or industry experience. Advanced standing is not able to be awarded for normal teaching experience. If you are responsible for an original academic work, such as creating a course and/or curriculum, or have published any original research, then you may be eligible for advanced standing for work or industry experience. The original academic work must be in excess of 5000 words.

If you intend to apply for advanced standing for prior study you can view more information and find out how to apply.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You'll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Early exit
You can exit the course with a Graduate Certificate in Education (Leadership and Management) following completion of the four core units required for this study area.