Transform your teaching

Our Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in education course takes a critical and connected approach to better equip educators to lead and transform the teaching of STEM disciplines.
Master of Education - STEM in Education Specialisation

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Real-world learning
You can study on campus, online or select a blended approach to suit you.

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Learn from the best
QUT’s teaching staff collectively represent a diverse range of STEM education knowledge, skills and experiences across a wide range of educational contexts. Many of these STEM educators are members of QUT’s STEM Education Research Group and are active in leading the advancement of STEM education and teacher professional learning, locally, nationally and internationally.

Entry requirements

1.5 year program
A recognised bachelor degree (or higher qualification) in any discipline.

1 year program
A recognised:
- bachelor honours degree in teaching or education; or
- bachelor degree in any discipline plus graduate certificate in teaching or education; or
- graduate diploma (or higher qualification) in teaching or education; or
- bachelor degree in teaching or education plus a minimum of two years full-time (or equivalent) work experience in teaching or education.

Course structure
To graduate with a Master of Education you are required to complete 144 credit points of course units.

In a standard 1.5 year full-time progression, you will complete three components made up of:
- 48 credit points of one Specialisation or option units
- 48 credit points of a second Specialisation or option units
- 48 credit points of research units* or 36 credit points of research units plus 12 credit points of options.

In a one year full-time progression (having been awarded 48 credit points of advanced standing), you will complete two components made up of:
- 48 credit points of one Specialisation or option units
- 48 credit points of research units* or 36 credit points of research units plus 12 credit points of options.

*If you are intending to pursue higher degree research it is recommended you complete 48 credit points of research.

Customise your degree
It’s as easy as 1-2-3. You can build the Master of Education to suit your interests and needs. The course has three components:

1. Choose one specialisation OR units of your choice. If you meet the advanced standing requirements for the one-year program, go to component 2.
2. Add a specialisation OR units of your choice.
3. Add a research component tailored to your interests and workplace needs.

Careers and outcomes
This STEM in Education Specialisation can enhance outcomes for people in professional, schooling, and other contexts, including the ability to:
- lead the transformation of STEM education in a school or other educational context
- improve your pedagogical content knowledge in STEM, both within and between the disciplines
- better prepare your students for careers of the 21st century
- build your professional networks.

Assessment items or practicum
Your assessment will involve the development of a digital portfolio, which will represent your development of STEM in Education knowledge, understanding and skill. In some instances you can use past teaching practices as an example to critique using your new knowledge, and in other assessment tasks you will develop practices and strategies, which you may be able to incorporate in your future teaching. Importantly, you can tailor your assessment items to your current practice or particular interests.

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.

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 with a Graduate Certificate in Education (STEM in Education) if you have completed the four specialisation units. You can exit the course with a Graduate Certificate in Education following completion of any four masters units.

Research pathways
If you are interested in pursuing higher degree research it is recommended that you include 48 credit points of research units to build your capabilities.