Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts)

Education double degrees offer qualifications that can set you on the path to pursue a range of careers across many industries and the education sector.

Why choose this course?
This double degree allows you to explore your passion for creative practice while also laying the foundation for a career in education. You will engage in transdisciplinary activities that will further develop your professional experience and academic knowledge. You will have opportunities to increase connections to industry and practicing professionals and mentors.

In this double degree students complete the requirements for two separate degrees in four and a half years. The course consists of units in fine arts and education.

In the Bachelor of Education component students are prepared as teachers with specialist understandings for secondary school learners in two teaching and learning discipline areas, with one teaching area based on your visual arts major. For the other teaching area you can choose one of:
- English
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics.

Our visual arts open studio program focuses on interdisciplinary contemporary art practice combining experimental 2D, 3D, digital, spatial, and performance skills. Whether you are planning to become a professional artist, teacher or art professional such as an exhibition curator or arts manager, you will benefit from substantial studio experience while receiving training in your specialist area.

From your first year, you’ll collaborate with students and teaching staff from across disciplines to reflect industry practice, and work on real-world projects briefed by real clients, along with career planning assistance to help you on your creative journey.

And, at the most technically advanced creative space in Australia, you can develop your creativity and collaborate and exhibit in technology-equipped spaces. End-of-year showcase events, performances and exhibitions are an important feature of all courses, and are celebrated by friends, family, industry and the arts community.

World-leading creative precinct

QUT’s Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove is the most technically advanced creative space in Australia—a highly sophisticated experimental zone for artists, designers, technologists and entrepreneurs, to collaborate, learn and innovate. Hone your craft in world-class dance, drama, visual arts and music studio spaces, performance venues and creative research labs.
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Real-world learning
The program includes substantial professional experience connected to on-campus learning. QUT organises professional experience placements to give you the opportunity to work in real school classrooms, supervised by practising professional educators.

Entry requirements
Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure
In order to complete this course, you must complete a total of 432 credit points, made up of 240 credit points from the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) and 192 credit points from the Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Education component
You will complete:
- core education units (168 credit points)
- a minor (72 credit points)

Fine Arts component
You will complete:
- two common units (24 credit points)
- a fine arts major in Visual Arts (168 credit points).

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.

Careers and outcomes
This double degree will prepare you to become a specialist teacher with a deep knowledge of creative practice. You can explore many career paths or use your combination of skills to develop and lead creative programs in the education sector.

In the Bachelor of Education component you will learn to innovate and incorporate digital technologies in your teaching. You will be equipped with entrepreneurial thinking and leadership skills and develop the resilience and creative capabilities to adapt to ongoing workforce changes and future opportunities.

Your qualification can also allow you to work in other locations in Australia and overseas. You will be empowered to shape your own career path and explore the many ways to make an impact.

Teachers develop a range of skills which, in combination with work experience and personal qualities, equip them for a variety of 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 and graduates are eligible to apply for teacher registration.

Advanced standing
If you intend to apply for advanced standing (credit) you can view more information and find out how to apply. If you enter the course with advanced standing you should seek advice on your course progression and the availability of units.

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.

Find out more about additional course requirements and costs.

Inherent requirements
There are some essential skills and abilities you’ll need to perform to meet the core learning outcomes of your course or unit. They’re not something you need to get into the course, but they’ll be assessed throughout your course, and they’ll be required for you to succeed in your career when you graduate.

Find out more about the inherent requirements for the Bachelor of Education.