

Graduate Certificate of Education Research

Online



Develop specialist knowledge of the education industry and take your career to the next level.

Course essentials

Deakin code: E590

Location: Online

Duration: 1 – 1.5 years part time

Intakes: Trimester 1 (March), Trimester 2 (July), Trimester 3 (November)

Course overview

Help to shape the future of innovation in education through Deakin's Graduate Certificate of Education Research. In this course you'll deep-dive on an education topic of your choice and develop specialist knowledge that could help improve the education sector or your learning institution, while advancing your career.

This part-time online course provides for the progressive development of research knowledge and skills, and beds down your application to practice awareness. It has a particular focus on preparing potential HDR candidates with the research capabilities to embark upon a PhD.

The course consists of a sequence of four units including two research training units which provide foundational specialist research training knowledge; and two units where you will undertake a guided research project in a specialist area of your choosing with assistance from an academic supervisor.

Research information

The two research training units are:

- EDX701 Research Design Development and Method
- EDX712 Theory and Methodology in Education Research

The two units research project units are:

- EDX703 Research Paper A
- EDX704 Research Paper B

We recommend studying EDX703 and EDX704 sequentially across two trimesters.

Recognition of prior learning

Deakin aims to provide students with as much credit as possible for approved prior study or informal learning which exceeds the normal entrance requirements for the course and is within the constraints of the course regulations. You are required to complete a minimum of two credit points within the course at Deakin.

Career opportunities

Deakin's Graduate Certificate of Education Research offers research training and experience to teachers and other education professionals who want to develop their research skills, so as to improve their leadership capacity and opportunities for advancement. For those who achieve 70+ on their research paper, the course also provides a pathway into a PhD at Deakin University.

Why choose Deakin

Deakin's education discipline is ranked 31st in the world by the prestigious QS World University Rankings (by subject 2021), so you will learn from the best. Our teaching staff are experts in the industry who are highly experienced, engaged in contemporary research and working to improve the quality of learning to make a positive impact on education in Australia and around the world.

Studying online at Deakin, you will experience flexible study options that allow you to manage the complexities of a busy life. Online learning activities and content are designed to be collaborative and engaging. Online students have regular online communication with their lecturers and peers.

Deakin's unique trimester system also gives you an incredible amount of flexibility and the option to fast track your degree or complete your studies while working full-time.

Course breakdown

You must complete 4 credit points of core units and a compulsory Academic Integrity unit (AAI018) to graduate from the course.

Course map over four trimesters (recommended)

Trimester 1	EDX701 Research Design Development and Method
Trimester 2	EDX712 Theory and Methodology in Education Research
Trimester 3	EDX703 Research Paper A
Trimester 1	EDX704 Research Paper B



Entry requirements

Admission into the Graduate Certificate of Education Research (GCEdRes) is based on:

- attainment of a bachelor degree or higher in the field of education; OR
- attainment of a bachelor degree or higher in any discipline PLUS three years of relevant work experience.

Selection criteria

- If you attained your undergraduate degree within the last 10 years with a WAM or equivalent of 70% or above, you need to submit a transcript.
- If you attained your undergraduate degree within the last 10 years with a WAM or equivalent of less than 70%, you need to submit a transcript and personal statement*.
- If you attained your undergraduate degree more than 10 years ago, you need to submit a transcript and a personal statement*.

Personal statement

*Your personal statement for the GCEdRes should include: i) name; ii) highest qualification and year attained; and in less than 500 words address: iii) potential area of research interest; and iv) a statement addressing any of the following categories:

- Use of research/data in the context of working within the teaching profession or relevant professional experience.
- Engagement in research in the field of education (e.g. leading a reading research group; conducting action research).
- Evidence of professional writing capacity.
- Leadership experience in education and training that links to research activity (e.g. leading or managing change in organisation systematically; strategically leading or managing reflective practice of staff in an organisation/organisational unit).

All applicants must also meet the minimum English language requirements. Find out more at deakin.edu.au/education

Course discounts

Deakin's 10% postgraduate bursary

If you're a Deakin alumni commencing a postgraduate award course, you may be eligible to receive a 10% reduction per unit on your enrolment fees. We've watched you excel – now we'd love to see you soar.

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'The sense of achievement I've developed in completing this course, and knowing that I can continue to build my skills in education, has been rewarding.. It's a great journey I'd recommend seeking challenge and personal enhancement.'

Helen Weston

Graduate Certificate of Education Research graduate