

# Master of Applied Learning and Teaching (Secondary)



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Victoria's #1 university for teaching quality<sup>2</sup>



Victoria's #1 university for educational experience<sup>3</sup>

Get qualified to teach secondary and vocational education and make a difference in the lives of young people. Study the Master of Applied Learning and Teaching (Secondary) at one of Australia's top 5 universities for education.<sup>4</sup>

## Course essentials

**Deakin code:** E737

**Location:** Online<sup>5</sup>

**Duration:** 2 years full-time<sup>6</sup> or part-time equivalent

**Intakes:** T1 (March), T2 (July)

**Fees:** \$22,600<sup>7</sup>

## Course overview

Deakin's Master of Applied Learning and Teaching (Secondary) qualifies you to work as an educator in secondary schools and other youth settings. It equips you with the knowledge, skills and experience to teach in an applied learning pedagogy in two subject specialisations based on your undergraduate degree, and in vocational education including the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or an interstate equivalent.

The course uses a problem-based approach that is closely aligned with authentic school improvement initiatives, and links theory and practice through strong work-integrated learning partnerships. It focuses on the middle and upper years of secondary schooling and has a strong emphasis on experiential and applied learning pedagogies which enhance student engagement.

## Professional experience

Develop your skills and grow your teaching confidence with supported practical experience in schools. You will undertake at least 75 days of professional experience (including a 15-day alternative placement) and receive support to help you develop as a teacher.

## Career opportunities

Graduates are equipped with the advanced professional knowledge, skills and attributes required to teach in secondary schools and other youth-learning contexts where applied and vocational learning approaches are being implemented. This program also offers a pathway to PhD through research training and a dissertation.

## Gain professional recognition

This initial teacher program is approved by the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) against the National Graduate Teacher standards for the purposes of teacher registration in Victoria. Refer to the detailed registration requirements at [vit.vic.edu.au](http://vit.vic.edu.au).

## Courses linked with the sector

Deakin maintains close links with the education sector – like the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) and Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) – to ensure our courses are developed and reviewed with industry and professional input. You'll be taught by staff with experience in the sector that are recognised as leaders and innovators in their fields, so you can be confident that what you learn at Deakin will be relevant to your career in education.

## Study when and where it suits you

Studying online at Deakin means you learn at your own pace, when and where it suits you, without compromising quality or support. Learn via our premium interactive platform, connect with teachers and students in a few clicks and access Australia's highest rated tech support.<sup>8</sup> Find out more at [deakin.edu.au/study-online](http://deakin.edu.au/study-online).

## Entry requirements<sup>9</sup>

- a bachelor degree in a different discipline including successful completion of major studies in at least one curriculum area recognised by the regulatory authority (Victorian Institute of Teaching), **OR**
- a Graduate Certificate of Adult Vocational Educational and Training (GCAVET), **AND**
- an approved certificate of proficiency/completion of trade with relevant industrial experience not less than eight years (including an apprenticeship).

For more information about the assessment of secondary methods visit [vit.vic.edu.au](http://vit.vic.edu.au).

Applicants must also meet the minimum English language requirements and successfully complete the CASPer test.

## Casper test

Applicants must complete an additional selection tool for non-academic attributes. Casper is an online, video-based situational judgment test designed to measure personal and professional characteristics. Use the application number you receive when applying to Deakin University for the Casper test registration. Find out more at [deakin.edu.au/casper](http://deakin.edu.au/casper).

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The opportunity for students to complete 75 days of placement is an important experience in terms of pedagogy development and student interaction. The opportunity to be involved in the Deakin ASPIRE program was also an excellent experience as I worked collaboratively with teachers and lecturers to design units that motivate and entice under-represented students who otherwise may not have considered tertiary education.

**Ben Parsons**  
Master of Applied Learning and Teaching<sup>1</sup> graduate

<sup>1</sup> Course now titled Master of Applied Learning and Teaching (Secondary)

## Course structure

To be awarded a Master of Applied Learning and Teaching (Secondary), you are required to successfully complete 16 credit points comprising:

11 core units (12 credit points)	
ECN704 Applied Learning: Theories and Practice	ECN725 Teaching Strategies for Vocational Pathways
ECN733 Youth Identities and Diversities	ECN726 Teaching Literacy and Numeracy
ECN735 Introduction to Teaching: Middle Years	ECN732 Teaching in the 21st Century: Transition to Practice (2 credit points)
ECN723 Middle Years Teaching Strategies (Years 5–9)	ECN729 Teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students
ECN724 Later Years Teaching Strategies (Years 10–12)	ECN736 Introduction to Teaching: Later Years
ECN734 Orientation to the Teaching Profession	

Students must choose from the following streams:	
Option 1: Research Project (4 credit points)	Option 2: Research Paper (4 credit points)
EDX701 Research Design Development and Method	EDX701 Research Design Development and Method
EDX707 Independent Research Project for Professional Practice	EDX712 Theory and Methodology in Education Research
	EDX703 Research Paper A
	EDX704 Research Paper B

Students who choose option 1 (Research Project) can choose 2 electives	
Elective options	
EIE701 Personalising Learning	EXE732 Social Justice and Difference
EIE703 Designing Engagement for Learning	

Students must also complete two units (ELN010 and ELN011) as part of the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) and Academic Integrity unit (AAI018) to graduate from the course. These units do not contribute towards course credit. Refer to [deakin.edu.au/teaching](https://deakin.edu.au/teaching) for a complete course structure breakdown. It is recommended that all students seek assistance from a student adviser.

## Applying to Deakin

Find out how to apply, ask a question or get help with your application at [deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply](https://deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply)

If you are ready to apply, you can submit your application directly to Deakin at [apply.deakin.edu.au](https://apply.deakin.edu.au)

**APPLY NOW**

## We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- **Study support**
- **Career services**
- **Online study experience**
- **Fees and scholarships**
- **Health and wellbeing**

- <sup>1</sup> Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020.
- <sup>2</sup> 2020 Student Experience Survey, UA benchmark group Victorian universities.
- <sup>3</sup> 2020 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students, UA benchmark group Victorian universities.
- <sup>4</sup> QS World University Rankings (by subject 2021).
- <sup>5</sup> Students are required to attend compulsory intensives on campus.
- <sup>6</sup> Full-time students may complete in 1.5 calendar years with compulsory study in trimester 3.
- <sup>7</sup> 2022 indicative fee rates and covers, depending on qualification, of up to and including one year full-time study for domestic students. Fee rates may be subject to change.
- <sup>8</sup> According to the Voice Project IT Service Quality Support Benchmark Survey.
- <sup>9</sup> Applicants who intend to teach in a state other than Victoria should seek confirmation from the relevant employing authority that the content and structure of their initial degree will qualify them for employment in that state on completion of this course.

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