



**MASSEY UNIVERSITY**  
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**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
SPECIALIST TEACHING:  
BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRMENT**



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## PROVIDER

Massey University

## QUALIFICATION

Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Blind and Vision Impairment)

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Students enrolled in the programme will complete four compulsory papers. Each paper is worth 30 credits.

### Year One:

- 254.765 Core Theory and Foundations of Specialist Teaching
- 249.746 Theory and Foundations of Blind and Vision Impairment

### Year Two:

- 249.751 Evidence-based Practice in Blind and Vision Impairment
- 249.752 Practicum in Blind and Vision Impairment

This programme is part of a wider qualification that includes six endorsements:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Blind and Vision Impairment
- Deaf and Hearing Impairment
- Early Intervention
- Gifted and Talented
- Learning and Behaviour

The Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching adopts an inquiry-based interprofessional learning model. Interprofessional practice reflects the need for interaction, communication and collaboration across and within specialty disciplines. Participants in this course will be learning with, from, and about each other in an interdisciplinary community context.

## BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRMENT

The Year One Specialist paper covers specialist knowledge of blindness and low vision, Braille, implications of blindness and low vision on education and development, assessments and adaptive teaching strategies, Expanded Core Curriculum and interprofessional practice relating to learners who are blind or have low vision. In Year Two the evidence-based practice paper looks at interventions and working collaboratively in more depth while the practicum paper provides the opportunity to work with children who are blind or have low vision.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to the programme requires a relevant professional qualification and a New Zealand undergraduate degree or equivalent.

## DELIVERY

This is a part-time distance qualification which includes face-to-face block courses and online course work.

## WORKLOAD

The total amount of time for each paper is approximately 12.5 hours per week. Plus 2.5 hours a week for preparation towards the Braille Proficiency Examination.

## KEY STRENGTHS OF THE COURSE

- Highly practical using an inquiry-based approach.
- Flexible delivery including e-learning and face-to-face delivery making it easier to participate while still working.
- Generic core courses for all endorsement areas covering common knowledge and skills for specialist teachers to facilitate a shared understanding and collaborative approach.
- Interprofessional environment (study alongside other types of specialist teachers) to learn with, from and about each other within a broad community of practice.

## BLOCK COURSE AND WORKSHOP DATES

There are two compulsory block courses for each year of the qualification:

BLOCK 1: Massey University, Albany Campus, Auckland

Year One		Year Two	
254.765	22/23 February 2012	249.751	21/22 February 2012
249.746	24/25 February 2012	249.752	20 February 2012

BLOCK 2: University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Year One		Year Two	
254.765	29/30 August 2012	249.751	30/31 August 2012
249.746	27/28 August 2012	249.752	1 September 2012

## STUDY AWARDS

The Ministry of Education offers special education study awards for this qualification. Applications close 16 September 2011. Find out more at: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/sestudyawards>

Students can also apply for a general primary or secondary teacher TeachNZ Study Award. Information about these awards can be found at: <http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/existing-teachers/teachnz-study-awards> Applications for the general study awards close on 1 July 2011.

## HOW TO ENROL

If new to Massey phone 0800 MASSEY or email [contact@massey.ac.nz](mailto:contact@massey.ac.nz) and ask them to create an ID for you. To order a pre-selection enrolment pack email [gse@massey.ac.nz](mailto:gse@massey.ac.nz) with your ID number, and the programme name, Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Blind and Vision Impairment). Pre-selection packs available from 1 August 2011. Enrolments close 30 November 2011.

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