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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPECIALIST TEACHING:

GIFTED AND TALENTED



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PROVIDER

Massey University

QUALIFICATION

Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Gifted and Talented)

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

262.751 Theory and Foundations of Gifted and Talented

Year Two:

262.752 Evidence-based Practice of Gifted and Talented

262.753 Practicum in Gifted and Talented

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.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

The Year One specialist paper explores personal, cultural and theoretical perspectives of giftedness and talent; the related characteristics and behaviours; identification; and special populations amongst the gifted. The Year Two specialist paper examines evidence-based practices for meeting the needs of gifted and talented learners across a continuum of approaches, followed by a practicum experience working in the field.

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.

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.
- Aimed at bridging the gap between theory and practice, with practical, yet sound, learning outcomes.
- Differentiated to meet the needs of individual specialist teachers as part of an inclusive education community.

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

254.765 22/23 February 2012

262.751 24/25 February 2012

BLOCK 2: University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Year One

254.765 29/30 August 2012

262.751 27/28 August 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>

Please note that while there are no study awards specific to the gifted and talented endorsement, students enrolling in gifted and talented papers may apply for the Special Teaching Needs Award. 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 and ask them to create an ID for you. To order a pre-selection enrolment pack email gse@massey.ac.nz with your ID number, and the programme name, Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Gifted and Talented). Pre-selection packs available from 1 August 2011. Enrolments close 30 November 2011.

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