



MASSEY UNIVERSITY
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**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
SPECIALIST TEACHING:
LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR**



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PROVIDERS

Massey University and University of Canterbury

QUALIFICATION

Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Learning and Behaviour)

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
249.753 Theory and Foundations of Learning and Behaviour Diversity

Year Two:

249.754 Evidence-based Practice in Learning and Behaviour Diversity
249.755 Practicum in Learning and Behaviour Diversity

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.

LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR

The Year One specialist paper explores the theory and practice of learning and behaviour diversity. It examines assessment and teaching strategies related to learning and behaviour diversity and the professional skills required for evidence-based, reflective and ethical practice when working with teachers. The Year Two specialist paper examines the principles and practices of interprofessional evidence based practice 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.

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 |
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| 254.765 | 22/23 February 2012 | 249.754 21/22 February 2012 |
| 249.753 | 24/25 February 2012 | 249.755 20 February 2012 |

BLOCK 2: University of Canterbury, Christchurch

| | Year One | Year Two |
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| 254.765 | 29/30 August 2012 | 249.754 30/31 August 2012 |
| 249.753 | 27/28 August 2012 | 249.755 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 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 (Learning and Behaviour). Pre-selection packs available from 1 August 2011. Enrolments close 30 November 2011.

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