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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPECIALIST TEACHING



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Massey University in partnership with the University of Canterbury offer the Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching. This qualification adopts an inquiry-based interprofessional learning model using a range of blended learning options for all students regardless of location.

There are six specialist endorsement areas:

- Learning and Behaviour (offered by both Massey and Canterbury University)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (offered by Massey University)
- Blind and Vision Impairment (offered by Massey University)
- Gifted and Talented (offered by Massey University)
- Deaf and Hearing Impairment (offered by Canterbury University)
- Early Intervention (offered by Canterbury University)



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry to the programme requires a relevant professional qualification, experience 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.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Students enrolled in the programme complete four compulsory papers.

- a core theory and foundations paper (30 credits);
- a specialist* theory and foundations paper (30 credits);
- a specialist* evidence based practice paper (30 credits);
- a specialist* practicum paper (30 credits).

Note: *Specialist relates to the areas of Autism Spectrum Disorder, Blind and Vision Impairment, Deaf and Hearing Impairment, Early Intervention, Gifted and Talented, Learning and Behaviour.

KEY STRENGTHS OF THE COURSE

- Highly practical using an inquiry-based approach.
- Flexible programme using both 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:

BLOCK 1: Massey University, Albany Campus, Auckland

Year One

Core paper	22/23 February 2012
Specialist theory paper	24/25 February 2012

Year Two

Specialist practicum paper	20 February 2012
Specialist evidence based paper	21/22 February 2012

BLOCK 2: University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Year One

Core paper	29/30 August 2012
Specialist theory paper	27/28 August 2012

Year Two

Specialist evidence based paper	30/31 August 2012
Specialist practicum paper	1 September 2012

STUDY AWARDS

The Ministry of Education offers special education study awards for this qualification. Applications close 16 September 2011.

For more information see:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/sestudyawards>

Students can also apply for a general TeachNZ Study Award.

Applications for the general study award close on 1 July 2011.

For more information see:

<http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/existing-teachers/teachnz-study-awards/>

HOW TO ENROL

Massey University

1. Phone Massey Contact (0800 627739) or email contact@massey.ac.nz to request an ID number (if new to Massey).
2. Email gse@massey.ac.nz to order a pre-selection enrolment pack, in your specialist area, or request through contact@massey.ac.nz

University of Canterbury

1. Download an "Application for Award Approval" from www.education.canterbury.ac.nz
2. Apply to enrol by phoning University of Canterbury Contact Centre (0800 827748).