

Graduate Certificate of Alcohol and Drug Studies (GCAD) - GradCertAlcDrugSt

	Distance education
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 year part-time, 2 years part-time maximum

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Program aims

The Graduate Certificate of Alcohol and Drug Studies is available to graduates of medical, nursing, psychology and other allied health disciplines. The program has been designed to provide graduates from medical, allied health (including psychology) and nursing degrees with core skills to respond to substance misuse in a range of health settings, including those which focus on psychological health, mental health nursing, medical practice, social work, occupational therapy, and Indigenous health settings. The primary aim is to improve knowledge and expertise across a range of health disciplines, regardless of location, by impro

If you do not meet the English language requirements you may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, Applicants may be admitted to an Award Program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Graduate Certificate consists of 4 compulsory courses.

Course	Offered
PSY5010 Assessment for Substance Misuse	S1
PSY5020 Motivational Interviewing	S1
PSY5030 Introduction to Psychoactive Drugs	S2
PSY5040 Relapse Prevention	S2

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#)

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Enrolment Pattern						Prerequisites
	On-campus		External		Online		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2	
PSY5010 Assessment for Substance Misuse			1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP
PSY5020 Motivational Interviewing			1	1			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP
PSY5030 Introduction to Psychoactive Drugs			1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP
PSY5040 Relapse Prevention			1	2			Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or PDPP