

Master of Professional Studies (MPST) - MProfSt

professional practice and work place challenges, helping to build the capacity and resilience of the student's organisations/communities and contribute to their self-directed learning and career development.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

Admission to the Master of Professional Studies is by completed online application and interview. To be considered for entry, an applicant must normally possess a bachelor degree from an Australian university or equivalent, and have the equivalent of at least five years' experience in their field. Anyone wishing to gain entry to the program on the basis of equivalent qualifications and/or experience should contact the University for consideration for admission on this basis.

Domestic and International Applicants from a non-English speaking background are required to satisfy [English language requirements](#).

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

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

- Project management fundamentals
 - The development of a work-based project(s) and Work-Based Research Project Proposal
- (2) **Work-based Research Projects:** Students are required to complete a minimum of 4 units, [WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A](#) and [WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B](#) up to a maximum of 8 units [WRP8012 Work-based Research Project C](#) and [WRP8013 Work-based Research Project D](#) of work-based research projects. As part of the [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#), students will prepare a work-based research project plan that includes detailed information on the specific learning outcomes, the project's implementation, anticipated contribution to practice and organisational development that are to be achieved through the implementation of the research project. Students are required to complete a minimum of four units of supervised project work culminating in a dissertation (minimum 15000 words) or equivalent body of work which will include artefacts that have been developed in the [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) course.
- (3) **Optional Elective Postgraduate course work:** Students may elect to enrol in up to four units of advanced coursework to enhance their professional practice capacity. They may select up to four x 1-unit electives at postgraduate level, from Arts courses or other courses offered by the University of Southern Queensland (eg. Professional Communications; Community Participation & Engagement; International Relations; Cultural or Critical Theory; Identity, self and society; Health Sciences, Engineering; Education; Leadership and Management – you are encouraged to discuss the broad variety of options available with your supervisor). The intention of this option, based on a student design curriculum focus, is to give students the opportunity to customise their learning by completing courses that enhance their methodological and professional knowledge. Students must seek the prior approval of the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts before enrolling in the elective courses.
- (4) **Optional Publishable Article:** Students may elect to formulate and submit for blind review, a publication representing the study's (or part thereof) contribution to practice and/or relevant theory as appropriate. The article equates to 2 units and is assessed following standard academic blind peer-review processes. The purpose of this option is to illustrate against prevailing benchmarks, the specialised knowledge and skills associated with the student's relevant professional practice and demonstrate the appropriate cognitive and technical skills required at this qualification level. Peer reviewers will include independent academic and/or practice-based experts who will assess whether the work is publishable and meets the requisite critical, creative, analytical and communications skills associated with the Masters level qualification.

Program completion requirements

To graduate from the Master of Professional Studies a candidate must complete a minimum of twelve course units comprising no less than the completion of the core course [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) and the work-based research project [WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A](#) and [WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B](#). Students are required to compile a final master's dissertation (minimum of 15,000 words including artefacts developed in the [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) course and generated from the work-based project) or equivalent body of work for final examination by independent examiners. Students electing to complete a further work-based project [WRP8012 Work-based Research Project C](#) and [WRP8013 Work-based Research Project D](#) are required to compile a final master's dissertation (minimum 25,000 words including relevant artefacts developed in the [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) course and generated from the work-based projects) or equivalent body of work for final examination by independent examiners.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Computer literacy is now expected as part of professional life, and as an integral element in the studying and learning process. Many courses make use of the Internet through online discussion groups and course web pages. Students must have reliable and ready access to e-mail and the internet. Broadband access would be a significant advantage.

Recommended enrolment pattern for students with up to 4 units of electives and/or the Publishable Article

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.

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