

Master of Professional Studies (MPST) - MProfSt

	External
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Fees (2021)	Domestic full fee paying place

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 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.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [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, you 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 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 Master of Professional Studies is a 12-unit program made up of four sections:

- (1) **Compulsory course:** All students are required to take the [WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies](#) 2 unit course which includes:
 - The theoretical principles underpinning the professional studies program
 - Reflective practice (optional RPL portfolio, see "Credit")
 - Research philosophies and methods
 - Critical thinking in professional practice
 - Ethics in research and in professional practice
 - 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:**

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WRP8020 Work-based Research: Publishable Paper*			2,3	1,2,3			

Footnotes

* This course is worth 2 units.