Master of Professional Studies (MPST) - MProfSt

	External
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
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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

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian university Bachelor degree or equivalent, and
- A minimum of five years' work experience in the chosen field of professional practice.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

Admission to the Master of Professional Studies is by completed online application and interview. 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 students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students 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. Students 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 Tj1 0 0 1 149.5 Tw0 G0 g1 0 0 1 59.5284ce

- 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:**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; each student 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.

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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 hav

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WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A			1	1,2,3				two units
WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B			2	1,2,3				two units
WRP8012 Work-based Research Project C			2	1,2,3				two units
WRP8013			2,3	1,2,3				two units

Work-based Research Project D and not WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B (please see "Program completion requirements" above).

An elective may be required in the event of RPL outcomes giving an odd number of units of credit when combined with WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies and WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A or WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B.

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WRP8000 Fundamentals of Professional Studies			1	1,2				two units
WRP8010 Work-based Research Project A			1	1,2,3				two units
WRP8011 Work-based Research Project B			1	1,2,3				two units
Elective course			1,2,3	1,2,3				
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WRP8020 Work-based Research: Publishable Paper			2,3	1,2,3				two units