

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION (1721)

Approved Abbreviation: GradCertInclEd
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1721

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

The Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education is designed for graduates with qualifications in a relevant field such as teaching or allied health. Candidates may be either currently working with individuals with additional needs or aspiring to move into this field.

The Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education equips graduates with the skills, knowledge and dispositions which will enable them to work effectively in the field by exposing them to theory and practice that will support the holistic development and inclusion of individuals with additional needs across the lifespan. Founded on authentic learning experiences and analysis of theory and the research literature, professionals are enabled to apply their studies to their current professional situation and/or interests.

Study Mode

One year part-time.

Program Advice

Professor Tonia Gray (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Tonia%20Gray/>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

Admission

Applicants for admission into the Graduate Certificate in Inclusive Education must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in teaching/education, rehabilitation therapies, human welfare studies and services, or behavioural science. An undergraduate degree in teaching includes the historical 2-3 year Diploma of Teaching/ Education prior to 1987.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

The program is not available to onshore international student visa holders.

Additional Information for Applicants:

Applicants who did not complete their undergraduate degree in Australia must also meet English Language proficiency requirements and must provide evidence to satisfy the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) as in the following:

1. An Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Report Form (TRF) that shows:

- An overall score of 7.5 with:
- a score of at least 7.0 for Reading and Writing; and
- a score of at least 8.0 for Speaking and Listening.

The IELTS test scores must appear on a single IELTS TRF and be the result of a test undertaken during the 24 month period prior to submitting an application.

Or

Achieved a score of Level 4 in the International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPR) in all four skill areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing, undertaken at approved testing sites where the assessment is teacher-focused.

or

2. An applicant who has completed study assessed by AITSL as comparable to at least four years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) higher education (university) study, that results in a qualification/s comparable to the education level of an Australian bachelor degree or higher (must include a recognised initial teacher education qualification) undertaken in Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States.

Special Requirements Prerequisites

Students must satisfactorily complete the Special Requirements listed below:

1. Students are required to complete the TWO components of the Working with Children Check (WWCC) process leading to
 - a) the issuance of a clearance number under the category of volunteer and
 - b) verification of the clearance number with the NSW Department of Education.
 - a) Students will need to:
 - i. Access the Commission for Children and Young People website and complete an online application form to generate an application number.
 - ii. Present an application number and identification to a Service NSW office who will issue a Working with Children Check number via mail or email.
 - iii. Submit the letter with a valid Working With Children Check number via Western Now portal where the document will be recorded against your academic record.
 - b) Students will need to:

- i. Access the NSW Department of Education WWCC Verification webpage
- ii. Carefully read the information about Identity Documents and obtain a copy of the relevant ID documents
- iii. Complete the Practicum Students Declaration form
- iv. Submit the Practicum Students Declaration form and copy of the relevant ID documents to wwcc@det.nsw.edu.au using your student email account. In the Subject of the email write your name and Pre-service Teacher WWCC verification. e.g. Mina Smith Primary Preservice Teacher WWCC verification. Once your WWCC verification is complete you will receive an email reply from the DoE Probity Unit confirming your WWCC number has been verified.
- v. Submit this verification confirmation email via Western Now portal
- vi. Both your WWCC number and date and WWCC verification will be trimmed and recorded on your student record as Special Requirements.

2. Students must complete the TWO components of the NSW Department of Education's Child Protection Awareness Training (CPAT)

- i. Access the NSW Department of Education's MyPL website <https://mypl.education.nsw.gov.au/> (<https://mypl.education.nsw.gov.au/auth/login/?returnUrl=%2F>)
- ii. Complete the online Child Protection Awareness Training
- iii. Save certificate of completion
- iv. Submit Certificate of completion via WesternNow portal
- v. Complete the Annual Child Protection Awareness Training (CPAT)
- vi. Save certificate of completion
- vii. Submit certificate of completion via WesternNow portal
- viii. Both certificates will be recorded on your student record as Special Requirements with the end date for the Annual CPAT which will need to be renewed and submitted on an annual basis.

Students who have not completed Child Protection Awareness Training will need to withdraw from the subject.

3. Students must complete the ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training and email their certificate to Anaphylaxis@westernsydney.edu.au

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 40 credit points from the nine subjects listed below.

Core Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Select 40 credit points of the following:		40
TEAC 7010	Assessing to Support Learning	
TEAC 7029	Disability in Context	
TEAC 7041	Effective Working Relationships	
TEAC 7051	Inclusive Environments	
TEAC 7068	Learning and Teaching in Challenging Contexts	
TEAC 7072	Managing Challenging and Diverse Behaviour	
TEAC 7084	Person-Centred Practice	
TEAC 7144	Technology Assisting Learning	
TEAC 7150	Universal Design for Learning	
Total Credit Points		40