

MASTER OF TEACHING (SECONDARY) STEM

Effective from: 2022

Approved Abbreviation: MTeach(Sec)STEM

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1848

AQF Level: 9

CRICOS Code: 095774A

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

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2018 to 2021 - please refer to 1848.1 Master of Teaching (Secondary) STEM (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1848.1>)

This program is an accredited professional teaching qualification for students possessing an appropriate bachelor's degree. It prepares graduates for careers in secondary school settings in particular science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) in NSW, other Australian states and internationally. The program provides a strong qualification in secondary STEM education, and is taught on campus and in schools, through innovative blended teaching and learning approaches. Graduates meet the Australian Professional Standards for Graduate Teachers, required for registration with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). The Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) STEM is an early exit point for students not seeking a professional teaching qualification.

Study Mode

Two years full-time.

Program Advice

Dr Kay Carroll (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/Enquirieseducation@westernsydney.edu.au>)

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
Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

Accreditation

The Master of Teaching (Secondary) STEM is a professional teaching qualification for students possessing an appropriate bachelor's degree. It has been fully accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). Graduates meet the Australian Professional Standards for Graduate Teachers.

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) and these subjects must match with the secondary STEM subject content requirements of the NSW Education Standards Authorities (NESA).

NESA Subject Content Knowledge Requirements (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/ae7db0fc-4a6d-4904-b635-f70147e0dc3c/Subject+Content+Knowledge+requirements+%28abridged%29+Nov+2015.PDF?MOD=AJPERES&CVID>)

Where these undergraduate STEM study requirements are not met, applicants may be offered concurrent enrolment in up to four undergraduate subjects of study.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 5 in undergraduate study.

Applicants are required to successfully complete the non-academic capability assessment.

Additional Information for Applicants

Applicants are required to commit to attend a school two days per week during each semester in order to complete the Professional Experience in schools' requirement, in addition to lectures and tutorials.

Current students transitioning from Western Sydney Bachelor of Science (Pathway to Teaching Secondary/Primary) are required to meet all of the above admission requirements.

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

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

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local 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.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

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.

International students 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 for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) as in the following

- An Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Test Report Form (TRF) that shows an overall score of at least 7.5 and:
- 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 12-month period prior to submitting an application.

Or

An applicant 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. Details of acceptable proof are available on the University's International website

English Language Entry Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements/)

Special Requirements Prerequisites

Prior to enrolling in subjects TEAC 7027 Designing Teaching and Learning, TEAC 7154 Professional Experience 1, TEAC 7155 Professional Experience 2 & TEAC 7120 STEM Pedagogies in Practice, students must:

- Satisfactorily complete Child Protection Awareness training (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/#newworkingcheck)
- Satisfactorily complete Working with Children Check (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/#newworkingcheck)
- Satisfactorily complete Anaphylaxis training (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/#newworkingcheck)

QuEST – NON-ACADEMIC CAPABILITIES SELECTION

Students with an offer to enrol in an accredited initial teacher education program are required to complete an online interview to assess your capabilities, in other words, your talents and personal attributes that are relevant to the teaching profession. Western Sydney University refer to this compulsory assessment as QuEST about which you will receive an email prior to the start of the teaching session.

Refer to the Australian Institute for Teaching and Leadership (AITSL) website for more information and the Selection Guidelines: Factsheet.

Additional Requirement

Satisfactorily complete the School of Education Academic Literacy TASK and Numeracy TASK for:

TEAC 7154 Professional Experience 1

Program Completion Prerequisites

Prior to enrolling in TEAC 7155 Professional Experience 2 students must have:

- Satisfactorily completed the national Literacy and Numeracy TEST which pre-service teachers are required to pass prior to their final professional experience placement (NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)).

Link to National Literacy and Numeracy TEST (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/)

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points as per recommended sequence below.

Start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
TEAC 7121	STEM foundations	10
TEAC 7004	Adolescent Development and Teaching	10
TEAC 7032	Diversity, Social Justice and Learning	10
TEAC 7027	Designing Teaching and Learning	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
TEAC 7082	Pedagogy for Positive Learning Environments	10
TEAC 7154	Professional Experience 1	10
Students who have satisfied the NESA undergraduate subject content requirements undertake two of the following Curriculum subjects		20
TEAC 5020	Mathematics Curriculum 2	
TEAC 5022	Mathematics Curriculum 4	
TEAC 5033	Science Curriculum 2	
TEAC 5035	Science Curriculum 4	
TEAC 5037	Technology Curriculum 2	
TEAC 5039	Technology Curriculum 4	
Students may exit at this point with a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) STEM after the successful completion of 80 credit points of study. ¹		
Credit Points		40
Summer A session		
TEAC 7001	Aboriginal & Culturally Responsive Pedagogies	10
Credit Points		10
Year 2		
Autumn session		
TEAC 7120	STEM Pedagogies in Practice	10
Students who have satisfied the NESA undergraduate subject content requirements undertake two of the following Curriculum subjects		20
TEAC 5019	Mathematics Curriculum 1	
TEAC 5021	Mathematics Curriculum 3	

TEAC 5032	Science Curriculum 1	
TEAC 5034	Science Curriculum 3	
TEAC 5036	Technology Curriculum 1	
TEAC 5038	Technology Curriculum 3	
Credit Points		30
Spring session		
TEAC 7153	Inclusive Education: Principles and Practices	10
TEAC 7155	Professional Experience 2	10
TEAC 7116	Researching STEM Education for Future Leadership	10
TEAC 7108	Professional Practice Community Engagement	10
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		160

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TEAC 5036	Technology Curriculum 1	
TEAC 5038	Technology Curriculum 3	
Credit Points		50
Total Credit Points		160

¹ Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) STEM (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/graduate-diploma-teaching-secondary-stem-exit-only/>)

Start-year intake Accelerated mode

Note: Students with a GPA 5 on commencement of the program will be invited to enrol in the accelerated mode. A GPA of 5 must be maintained to continue in the accelerated mode after entry.

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TEAC 5039	Technology Curriculum 4	
Credit Points		50
Summer A session		
TEAC 7001	Aboriginal & Culturally Responsive Pedagogies	10
Credit Points		10
Year 2		
Autumn session		
TEAC 7155	Professional Experience 2	10