



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Graduate Certificate in Education (Special Needs)

*School of Education*

***Available to students who already have a teaching qualification, the Graduate Certificate in Education (Special Needs) provides cohesive, specialised study for teachers who wish to develop the capacity to meet the educational needs of children with disabilities. The program addresses four key areas including differentiation of the curriculum, managing the inclusive classroom, positive behaviour management, and giftedness.***

## **Why study this program?**

The specialist program is aimed at qualified teachers who want to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to teach gifted children and those with special needs. The program consists of four courses: Educating Children with Special

Needs, Children of High Ability: Gifted and Talented, Adaptive Education for the Inclusive Classroom and Inclusion: Theory to Practice.

The Graduate Certificate (Special Needs) will not only explain current educational theories around special needs children, but will show you how to apply these concepts in the classroom. You will learn how to identify the cognitive, affective, physical, behavioural and communication differences between students – and develop programs that address the needs of each student. During your studies, you will also learn how to develop and implement a curriculum that is appropriate for gifted and talented students, plus many other skills such as grouping strategies and withdrawal programs.

### **Program summary**

- Educating Children with Special Needs
- Children of High Ability: Gifted and Talented
- Adaptive Education for the Inclusive Classroom
- Inclusion: Theory to Practice

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Regulations \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/414/Certificate-in-Education\\_Special-Needs.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/414/Certificate-in-Education_Special-Needs.pdf).

### **Entry requirements**

- Hold the equivalent of a four year teaching qualification; and
- Have a GPA of at least 2.5; and
- Have at least three years of professional experience in schools or prior-to-school settings.

## **Fees**

For more information and indicative fees please visit the [Fees page \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees).

If you have been displaced in the workforce due to COVID-19 and wish to retrain or upskill in identified national priority areas, you may be eligible for discounted student fees under the Government's Higher Education Relief Package. For further information please visit the [Course Seeker \(https://www.courseseecker.edu.au/resources/short-online-courses\)](https://www.courseseecker.edu.au/resources/short-online-courses) website.

## **More information**

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**Duration:** 0.5 years full-time or part-time equivalent

**Loan Scheme:** HECS-HELP

**Study mode:** Online

**Code:** Program Code 4072S

**Commencement: 1 June 2020**

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