

EDUC90758 Researching Education Practice (SEC)

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	<p>2016, Parkville</p> <p>This subject commences in the following study period/s: January, Parkville - Taught on campus. February, Parkville - Taught on campus. July, Parkville - Taught on campus.</p> <p>During the pre-teaching period students will be required to complete pre-reading of the set texts and LMS listed resources. Pre teaching for the January availability also involves completion of a previous research experience survey on LMS to assist in seminar groupings.</p>
Time Commitment:	<p>Contact Hours: 36 hours consisting of 1) six campus based seminars, and 2) six online modules</p> <p>Total Time Commitment: 170 hours</p>
Prerequisites:	Students must have completed 150 points of study in the Master of Teaching (Secondary).
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	<p>This is the first of two subjects that all Master of Teaching students complete as part of their Capstone experience. Incorporating campus-based seminars and online modules, the subject will introduce students to different approaches to teacher led research and examine the important role of research in enabling educators to transform educational practices. Topics that will be examined include: undertaking ethical teacher research; accessing, gathering and critically analysing evidence from primary and secondary sources; writing up research, and; translating research into practice. Together these topic areas will provide students with the confidence, knowledge and skills to plan and carry out their own small-scale investigations for their Capstone project and future professional work. The subject will also introduce the research topics that students can choose from for their capstone research project.</p>
Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of this subject, teacher candidates should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Use appropriate methods to collect data about the practices of learning and teaching # Appreciate values and ethical dimensions of practitioner research # Analyse data collected by themselves and critically appraise research presented in journal articles, policy documents and reports # Understand how to represent research findings in textual and other forms # Use research findings to advance education theory and practice

Assessment:	There are two assessment tasks: Written task of 1400 words, due mid-semester, 35% A research proposal equivalent to 2600 words, due at the end of the semester, 65% There is one hurdle requirement: completion of six online modules, due throughout the semester This subject has a minimum hurdle requirement of 80% attendance at all tutorials, seminars and workshops.
Prescribed Texts:	O'Toole, J., & Beckett, D. (2010), Educational Research – Creative Thinking & Doing, Oxford University Press, Melbourne.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	On completion of this subject, students will have knowledge and skills that will enable them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the significance of developing their practice on the basis of research evidence # Conduct education research in an ethical manner # Undertake data management, analysis and report writing using small-scale qualitative and quantitative data sets # Apply research findings with creativity and initiative to professional practice # Plan and execute their capstone research project
Links to further information:	https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/current/MC-TEACHSA
Related Course(s):	Master of Clinical Teaching Master of Education (International Baccalaureate) DP Master of Teaching (Secondary) Master of Teaching (Secondary) Internship