

# 981SL Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Specific Learning Difficulties)

<b>Year and Campus:</b>	2012 - Parkville																	
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>																	
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate																	
<b>Duration &amp; Credit Points:</b>	50 credit points taken over 12 months part time.																	
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Assoc Prof John Munro																	
<b>Contact:</b>	Education Student Centre Level 2 Alice Hoy Building																	
<b>Course Overview:</b>	<p>The Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Specific Learning Difficulties) is designed for classroom teachers who wish to undertake professional development to have a better understanding of the needs of students with specific learning disabilities who have been placed in their classrooms.</p> <p>Attendance at all classes (tutorial/seminars/practical classes/lectures/labs) is obligatory. Failure to attend 80% of classes will normally result in failure in the subject.</p>																	
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>Students completing the Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Specific Learning Difficulties) should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Deepen their knowledge and extend their understanding in the general area of educational thought and practice in the area of specific learning difficulties</li> <li># Acquire a substantial understanding of relevant theory, and practice and assessment of students with literacy and numeracy difficulties;</li> <li># Be acquainted with the range of expert writing and research on particular topics</li> <li># Be eligible, under particular specified conditions, for employment in designated positions with in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria, and in other schools and authorities</li> <li># Have an ongoing interest in the study and practice of education for students with additional educational needs</li> <li># Establish a sound basis for further studies in Education at the Master's level.</li> </ul>																	
<b>Course Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	Students complete 50 points of study																	
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<b>Entry Requirements:</b>	<p>An applicant may be eligible for entry into the Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Specific Learning Difficulties) if the applicant has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Completed an approved degree and an approved teaching qualification or equivalent; or</li> <li># Completed an approved four-year teaching degree, or equivalent; or</li> <li># Completed an approved equivalent qualification which is recognized by the Faculty as evidence of adequate preparation for the course and has a record of professional or teaching experience in a field and at a level acceptable to the Faculty.</li> </ul>																	
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	The Melbourne Graduate School of Education welcomes applications from students with disabilities. It is University and Graduate School policy to take reasonable steps to enable																	

	<p>the participation of students with disabilities, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the Graduate School's programs. The core participation requirements for study in the Melbourne Graduate School of Education are: In all courses The ability to comprehend complex information related to education and the disciplines in which the student is teaching. The ability to communicate clearly and independently in assessment tasks a knowledge of the content, principles and practices relating to education and other relevant disciplines. Behavioural and social attributes that enable a student to participate in a complex learning environment. Students are required to take responsibility for their own participation and learning. They also contribute to the learning of other students in collaborative learning environments, demonstrating interpersonal skills and an understanding of the needs of other students. Assessment may include the outcomes of tasks completed in collaboration with other students. In courses requiring students to undertake practicum placements The ability to undertake professional practice placements independently, including: a. the ability based on personal maturity to establish a professional relationship with students and interact with them appropriately; b. the ability to communicate to students the subject matter being taught with clarity and in a way that is age-sensitive; c. the ability to model literacy and numeracy skills independently for students and in all their interactions meet community expectations of the literacy and numeracy skills teachers should have; d. the ability to demonstrate skilfully and safely activities required in particular discipline areas being taught (e.g. physical education activities, science laboratory techniques); e. the ability to create, monitor and maintain a safe physical environment, a stable and supportive psychological environment, and a productive learning environment in their classroom; f. the ability to establish effective relationships with all members of the school community, including colleagues, students, and caregivers; g. the ability based on mental and physical health to exercise sound judgment and respond promptly to the demands of classroom situations, and the personal resilience to cope and maintain their wellbeing under stress. Students who feel a disability will prevent them from meeting the above academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit.</p>
<b>Graduate Attributes:</b>	The University's general graduate attributes are located on the Office of the Provost's website: <a href="http://www.unimelb.edu.au/about/attributes.html">http://www.unimelb.edu.au/about/attributes.html</a>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.education.unimelb.edu.au">www.education.unimelb.edu.au</a>