Education*by*Design – flexible learning

The Master of Professional Studies in Education is a one-year, flexible University of Auckland Masters degree for education professionals.

Through its world-renowned Faculty of Education, The University of Auckland offers a Master of Professional Studies in Education to enable teachers to review, inform and improve their knowledge and professional practice through research. This qualification will be of special interest to educational leaders who wish to move directly into Masters level study.

Master of Professional Studies programme highlights

- · Developed for education professionals
- A wide range of focus areas are offered, including Educational Leadership, Literacy, Early Childhood Education and Arts/Science/Maths
- Flexible delivery channels a combination of online and face-to-face delivery possible
- Delivery in New Zealand or the home country or in a mixture of both
- A one-year full-time programme or up to four years parttime
- Enables participants to build knowledge, skills and experience in critiquing and understanding educational research
- Delivers both the theoretical understandings and practical skills needed to make a difference to the quality of education in current and future workplaces
- · Future opportunities to move on to doctoral study

Benefits

The Master of Professional Studies in Education delivers tangible benefits to participants and organisations through:

CUSTOMISATION OF CONTENT

The Master of Professional Studies in Education focus area can be chosen to meet each group's specific needs, and allows client organisations to ensure development of knowledge and skills is tailored to education development goals.

CUSTOMISATION OF DELIVERY

The Master of Professional Studies in Education can be structured as a blended model using online and face-to-face components. The delivery location and the timeframe of the



programme can also be customised, allowing participants to remain in their own country and continue working while upgrading their qualification. This facilitates opportunities to examine and apply learning to the home country's education system.

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED FACULTY OF EDUCATION

The Faculty of Education is ranked 38th by the QS World Ranking of Universities, 2010 (under Social Sciences), and is the largest teacher education institute in New Zealand with over 5,000 students. Experienced in international markets, the Faculty programmes are underpinned by research-informed evidence drawn from the work of its own staff as well as from national and international literature. Programmes are also informed by the experience of practitioners so that what students learn relates to real situations and examples.

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Case Study

National and international research emphasises the need for effective educational leadership and reveals how closely related excellent leadership is to high quality and high equity outcomes for 21st century education systems.

The University of Auckland is partnering with the Singapore Principals Academy to offer the Master of Professional Studies in Education with a focus on Educational Leadership to educators in Singapore.

Experienced Singaporean educators are being selected to do the Master of Professional Studies in Education part-time over 18 months. The Principals Academy recruits applicants and provides teaching space and facilities for the in-country block courses. University of Auckland staff will deliver block courses in Singapore, and support ongoing online learning throughout the 18 months.

How the Master of Professional Studies was customised for Singapore



YEAR ONE



Part A: Face-to face intensive delivery in Singapore



Part B: Weekly online discussion forums and course delivery, access to Auckland Library's online resources and databases



YEAR TWO



Part A: Face-to face intensive delivery in Singapore

Part B: A dissertation closely supervised by a lecturer from the University

The Master of Professional Studies in Education programme

The degree can be completed in one year full-time and up to four years part-time and is made up of 120 points structured as follows (courses are subject to change):

30 points (one course) from:

- Researching Educational Settings (EDPROFST 756)
- Undertaking Research for School Improvement (EDPROFST 757A)





30 points (one course) from focus area of study - Course options include:

- · Educational Leadership (EDPROFST 738)
- · Literacy Education: Research and Practice (EDPROFST 700)
- · Early Years Pedagogy (EDPROFST 716)
- Curriculum: Theory, Issues, Practice (EDPROFST 777)
- · Dance and Drama in Education (EDPROFST 722)
- · e-Learning in Practice (EDPROFST 714)
- Issues in Assessment (EDPROFST 753)

Compulsory (60 points):

· MEd Dissertation (EDPROFST 793)

Educationby Design

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Academy of Principals (Singapore)

The Academy of Principals (Singapore) (APS) is a professional body that partners the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the National Institute of Education (NIE) to provide support for Singapore school principals as they lead schools into a new and exciting era of educational change. It also serves as a platform for our school principals to reach out to local and overseas colleagues from affiliated associations, institutions of higher learning, corporate and industry partners to share ideas, debate issues and discuss policy initiatives, all of which will contribute toward building sustainable leadership through strong and mutually-beneficial networks.

The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's pre-eminent research-led University. Established in 1883, it is an international centre of learning and academic excellence. It is New Zealand's largest University with over 6,000 staff and 40,000 students, of whom 5,000 are international students. It aims to be a vibrant and intellectually challenging place of learning, nurturing a community of scholars who share a passion for discovery and the advancement of knowledge and human progress.

The University of Auckland has a strong international focus and is a member of Universitas 21, the Association of Pacific Rim Universities and the Worldwide Universities Network – international consortia of research-led universities.

To read more about The University of Auckland's international and national standing, visit www.auckland.ac.nz/leadinguniversity

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