

The Degree of Master of Specialist Teaching (MSpecTchg – 180 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2023.
- (b) This degree was first offered in 2014.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Master of Specialist Teaching a student must:

- (a) Be credited with a minimum of 180 points towards the qualification, which includes Part I and Part II; and
- (b) Complete Part I (Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching) before enrolling in Part II (Master of Specialist Teaching); and
- (c) Have achieved a B Grade Point Average or higher in Part I, in order to proceed to Part II of the qualification; and
- (d) Be credited with a minimum of 60 points as outlined in Schedule E to these Regulations; and
- (e) Have completed the requirements in one endorsement area.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Master of Specialist Teaching a student must have:

- (a) Satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the University; and
- (b) Successfully completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching with an approved endorsement, with a B Grade Point Average or higher; and
- (c) Been approved as a student for the Master of Specialist Teaching by the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate based on relevance and standard of previous study and professional experience.

5. Subjects

This qualification may be awarded endorsed as follows:

- (a) Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- (b) Early Intervention
- (c) Learning and Behaviour
- (d) Complex Educational Needs
- (e) If the Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching was earned with an endorsement, the Master of Specialist Teaching may be granted in the same endorsement area if it was offered by Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.
- (f) If the endorsement was different to the endorsements listed above, then the student can complete the Master of Specialist Teaching and be awarded the degree unendorsed.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 36 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.

Schedule E: Elective Courses for Part II of the Degree of Master of Specialist Teaching

A student must complete 60 points from Schedule E: Group 1 from the Regulations of the Master of Education, which must include at least one of the following:

Either:

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EDME637	Distributing Leadership Through Coaching and Mentoring	30	S1	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: EDEM637, EDTL821 EQ: EDEM637
			S1	Campus	

or

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EDME638	Teachers as Leaders	30	S2	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval of the Head of School R: EDEM638; EDTL841 EQ: EDEM638
			S2	Campus	

or

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EDME669	Leading and Managing Decision-Making in Organisations	30	S2	Distance Learning	P: Subject to approval from the Head of Department. R: EDEM669 EQ: EDEM669
			S2	Campus	