

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDipEd – 120 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 2025.
- (b) This Diploma was first offered in 2009.

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 Postgraduate Diploma in Education a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 120 points towards the qualification; and
- (b) either:
 - i. be credited with the courses listed in Schedule V of the Degree of Master of Education for an unendorsed qualification; or
 - ii. be credited with the specified courses in Schedule S to the Postgraduate Diploma in Education in order to be endorsed.

4. Admission to the qualification

- (a) To be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Education a student must have:
 - i. Satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the University; and
 - ii. Either:
 - a. Qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand bachelor's degree with a major in Education or related discipline, or an equivalent qualification with a minimum of a B Grade Point Average; or
 - b. Have qualified for any other degree of an Aotearoa New Zealand university, and hold a professional teaching qualification; or
 - c. Have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
 - iii. Been approved as a student by the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate.

5. Subjects

This qualification may be awarded in the endorsements listed in the Schedule to these Regulations, or unendorsed.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 48 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations with the following stipulation:

- (a) With the approval of the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate, up to 60 points of appropriate postgraduate courses from within UC or from another university or tertiary institute, which have not already been credited to another completed qualification, may be transferred to the Diploma, provided that they satisfy all other regulations of the Diploma.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulation:

A student may not fail more than 30 points in this qualification.

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

- A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education but has not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Education and have credits transferred.
- A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, may apply to the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate to be admitted to the Master of Education and have their Diploma subsumed according to the General Regulations to the University.
- A student for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education who has not met the requirements for the Diploma but who has satisfied all requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education or the Postgraduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching, may apply to the Amo Matua, Ako | Executive Dean of Education or delegate to withdraw from the Diploma and be awarded the relevant Certificate.

Schedule S: Subject Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education

For full course information, go to courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz

Endorsement Requirements

Endorsed Option	Requirements
Digital Education Futures	90 points from EDME480, EDME433, EDME465, EDME630 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V
Early Years	EDME402 and EDME404 30 points from EDME403 or EDME603 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V
Inclusive and Special Education	EDME420 60 points from EDME418, EDME422, EDME424, or EDME685 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V
Leadership	90 points from EDME637, EDME638, EDME441, EDME468, EDME669, or EDME470 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V
Literacy	EDME407 60 points from EDME417, EDME418, or EDME653 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V
Teaching and Learning Languages	EDME431 and EDME632 30 points from EDME433 or EDME415 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V
Tertiary Teaching	HEDN411, HEDN412, HEDN413 and HEDN414 30 points from EDME630, EDME433 or EDME614 30 points from the Master of Education Schedule V