

How much time will this programme take?

You should expect to study for an average of 300 hours per course although the number of hours will vary depending on your study skills. Each course has a 3-day full time block component so you should expect to study for around 20 hours per week per course outside of the block week. Time during the week may be spent in online activities, reading, and completing course assessments. You are expected to manage your own study schedules, and to plan ahead for study time during each week.

What are the fees? Am I eligible for a Study Award?

Please refer to our website for up to date fees information: www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/qualifications-and-courses/

Study awards and scholarships may be available through the Ministry of Education. For more information visit www.education.govt.nz/school/people-and-employment/principals-and-teachers/scholarships-for-people-working-in-schools/special-education-study-awards-and-scholarships/

What qualifications do I need to enrol?

In general, students need a teaching qualification, current full NZ Teachers' registration, and sufficient background of professional experience to benefit from the course. For example, at least two years experience as a classroom teacher and some experience in working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

How do I start the enrolment process?

Follow the steps to getting enrolled.

1. Apply to enrol at the University of Canterbury online via myUC <https://myuc.canterbury.ac.nz/>

- Apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (part time). Select your endorsement – Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Upload relevant documents such as your academic transcripts showing grades and conferment of award, current New Zealand teacher registration, a birth certificate or passport and the names of two references.
- University admission requires sighting of an original or certified hardcopy of your identity/citizenship documentation. A certified hardcopy can be posted to the: Applications Administrator, College of Education, Health and Human Development, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8140, NEW ZEALAND.
NOTE: Certified documents must be signed by a Justice of the Peace (JP) or solicitor.
- From October, add courses to your application online.
- The two courses usually taken in the first year are: EDST601 Core Theory and Foundations and EDST621 Theory and Foundations of Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- Phone the Student Contact Centre 0800 827 748 or email enrol@canterbury.ac.nz if you need assistance enrolling online.

2. When you have been approved into the programme and the course(s) you will be sent an enrolment offer for you to accept or decline.

- If you are a successful study award recipient, note that this covers your course tuition fees only. You are still required to pay the student services levies and other administration costs.

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



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The Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching endorsed in Deaf and Hard of Hearing is part of a suite of postgraduate specialist teaching qualifications developed by leading educators and researchers from the University of Canterbury and Massey University. The programme designed to develop core and specialist knowledge and skills relevant to working in educational settings with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

What is the field of Deaf Education?

Deaf Education is an exciting field, providing opportunities to support students who are deaf or hard of hearing in educational settings to ensure they reach their potential. Children and young people who are deaf or hard of hearing often have unique learning needs. Families, whānau, teachers and schools may need support to provide the best learning environments for these students. There has been enormous growth in research identifying powerful strategies and techniques that can support the learning and development of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Students in this programme will acquire this knowledge and practical skills, as well as develop strategies for ongoing professional development.

This is a national programme, and applicants from throughout New Zealand are encouraged to apply.

Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

How will the courses in this programme be taught?

The Diploma implements an inquiry-based, interprofessional learning model, which means that part of the training will be shared with other specialists working in related areas (e.g., Learning and Behaviour specialists), and also means that face-to-face interactions will typically involve an inquiry model, rather than the lecture model associated with undergraduate teaching. Thus, students will use self-directed study to gain core knowledge and to research ideas, and face-to-face meetings will encourage application, discussion and problem-solving.

Where will these courses be taught?

The programme will be delivered via a blended learning approach. This involves a combination of on-campus block courses, virtual face-to-face course meetings and online course activities, and self-directed study using a variety of online resources available via the library and Specialist Teaching moodle site as well as textbooks. Access to broadband internet is strongly advised.

In the second year of the course, students will engage in practical tasks completed at an appropriate setting such as where students are currently employed or an approved alternative site.

What does this qualification prepare me for?

Graduates of this programme will be able to be employed as Teachers of the Deaf. Most specialist Deaf Education services in New Zealand are provided through the Ministry of Education. In addition, graduates may be eligible for entry into the Master of Specialist Teaching, Master of Education, Master of Counselling or Master of Health Sciences degrees.

What will I learn?

This endorsement will develop students' specialist knowledge in the field of Deaf and Hard of Hearing. A graduate of this programme will be able to demonstrate:

1. Specialist theory and skills required in the field of Deaf education.
2. The specialist skills, research, attitudes and evidence based practices needed for professionals to work effectively with students, families, whānau, and teachers in Deaf and Hard of Hearing contexts.
3. Māori and multicultural concepts and practices as they relate to deaf and hard of hearing.
4. Skills relating to reflective and ethical practice and ongoing professional development.

How long is the programme of study?

The Postgraduate Diploma is typically completed part time over two years. There are two courses per year (each course is 30 points). As the first year courses are prerequisite for the second year courses, completing the programme in less than two years is not currently possible. In some cases, the programme may be completed over three or four years.

What are the courses of study?

- EDST601 Core Theory and Foundations of Specialist Teaching
- EDST621 Theory and Foundations of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- EDST622 Evidence-based Interprofessional Practice in Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- EDST623 Practicum in Deaf and Hard of Hearing