

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. Study at Canterbury is divided into two 15 week semesters. Thus for students taking two courses per year, work would typically be 300 hours per semester. Each course has a 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/fees-and-funding/

Study awards and scholarships may be available through the Ministry of Education. For more information visit www.education.govt.nz/school/working-in-a-school/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 NZ Teachers' Council 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 students who experience learning and behaviour difficulties.

How do I start the enrolment process?

There are three separate processes involved in getting enrolled.

1. Apply for entry to Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching.

Begin this step by downloading and completing the application form from our website
www.education.canterbury.ac.nz/apply/postgrad.shtml

Information that you will need to complete this step:

- Official certified copies of 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.
- The PGDip Specialist Teaching (Learning and Behaviour) (part time) is the award you should apply for.
- Please keep a photocopy for yourself before posting to: Applications Administrator, College of Education, Health and Human Development, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8140, NEW ZEALAND.

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

- The two courses usually taken in the first year are: EDST601 Core Theory and Foundations and EDST641 Theory and Foundations of Learning and Behaviour.
- Phone the Student Contact Centre 0800 827 748 or email enrol@canterbury.ac.nz if you need assistance enrolling online.

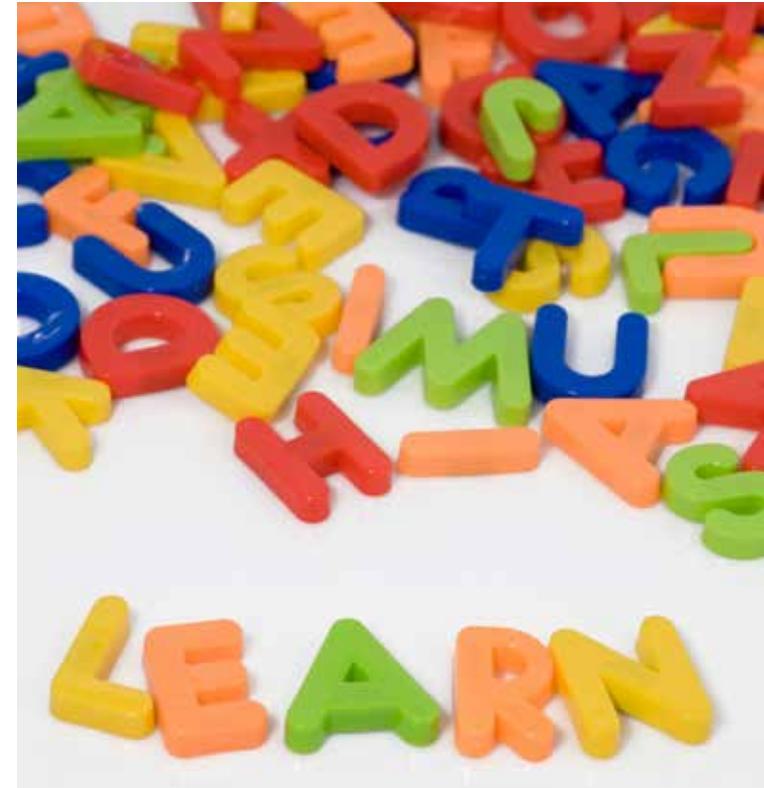
3. When you have been approved into the programme and the course(s) you will be sent an enrolment offer for you to accept or decline.

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Learning and Behaviour.



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The Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Teaching endorsed in Learning and Behaviour is a part of a suite of postgraduate qualifications developed by leading educators at Massey University and the University of Canterbury. The programme is designed to develop core and specialist knowledge and skills relevant to working interprofessionally in educational settings with children who experience learning and behaviour difficulties.

What is the field of Learning and Behaviour?

The field of learning and behaviour is an exciting area, providing opportunities to support students who experience learning and behaviour difficulties in educational settings to ensure they reach their potential. Students who experience learning and behaviour difficulties often have unique learning and social 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. A graduate of 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 (Learning and Behaviour)

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, 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 in collaboration with specialist staff from Massey University. This involves a combination of on-campus block courses, virtual face-to-face course meetings, 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 qualification will be able to be employed as Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour. Most specialist Learning and Behaviour 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 learning and behaviour. A graduate of this programme is expected to be able to demonstrate

1. Specialist theory and skills required in the field of Learning and Behaviour.
2. The specialist skills, research, attitudes and evidence-based practices needed for professionals to work effectively with students, families, whānau, and teachers in educational contexts.
3. Māori and multicultural concepts and practices as they relate to learning and behaviour.
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 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
- EDST641 Theory and Foundations of Learning and Behaviour Diversity
- EDST642 Evidence-based Interprofessional Practice in Learning and Behaviour Diversity
- EDST643 Practicum in Learning and Behaviour Diversity