

# Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching (PGCertSpecTchg – 60 points)

Not open to new enrolments in 2021.

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 2020.
- (b) This Certificate was first offered in 2011.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Ako me te Hauora | Dean of Education and Health Sciences 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 Certificate in Specialist Teaching a student must:

- (a) be credited with a minimum of 60 points towards the qualification; and
- (b) be credited with 30 points from Schedule C to these Regulations; and
- (c) be credited with 30 points from Schedule E to these Regulations.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching a student must have:

- (a) satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the University; and
- (b) either:
  - i. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand teacher education degree; or
  - ii. qualified for a recognised three year diploma in early childhood, primary, or secondary teaching in Aotearoa New Zealand; or
  - iii. have been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
- (c) a full practising certificate from the Matatū Aotearoa | Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (not a requirement for students enrolled in the Early Intervention endorsement); and
- (d) normally acquired at least two years relevant experience as a teacher or educator in a recognised educational, workplace or community setting; or
- (e) been approved as a student for the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching by the Amo Ako me te Hauora | Dean of Education and Health Sciences, based on relevance and standard of previous studies and professional work.

A student who does not hold a current Aotearoa New Zealand full practising certificate must:

- a. have met the requirements stipulated in the Children's Act 2014 prior to gaining entry into the programme; and
- b. meet requirements equivalent to those set down by the Matatū Aotearoa | Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand for registration as a teacher in terms of character and fitness to be a teacher.

A student for whom English is a second language must meet English language proficiency requirements as set by the Matatū Aotearoa | Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

## 5. Subjects

This qualification has specialist subjects listed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

## 6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 24 months.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

## 8. Progression

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

- (a) A student may not fail more than 30 points in this qualification.

## 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

Honours, Distinction and Merit are not awarded for this qualification.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) A student who has completed the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching with a B Grade Point Average or better but have not yet graduated, may apply to the Amo Ako me te Hauora | Dean of Education and Health Sciences to be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma of Specialist Teaching and have credits transferred.
- (b) A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury with a B Grade Point Average or better, may apply to the Amo Ako me te Hauora | Dean of Education and Health Sciences to be admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma of Specialist Teaching and have their Certificate subsumed in accordance with the General Regulations to the University.
- (c) There are no qualifications to which a student for the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching, who has not met the requirements for the Certificate, may transfer.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching

For full course information, go to [www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses)

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2021	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EDST 601	Core Theory and Foundations of Specialist Teaching	30	NO		P: A teaching qualification or entry at the discretion of the Dean of Education. RP: Experience working with children with special educational needs.

## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Teaching

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2021	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
EDST 621	Theory and Foundations of Deaf and Hard of Hearing	30	NO		P: EDST 601. RP: Experience working with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
EDST 631	Theory and Foundations of Early Intervention	30	NO		P: EDST 601. RP: Two or more years experience in early childhood sector.
EDST 641	Theory and Foundations of Learning and Behaviour Diversity	30	NO		P: EDST 601
EDST 651	Theory and Foundations in Complex Educational Needs	30	NO		P: EDST 601. RP: Experience working with students who have complex educational needs.