What is the Graduate Diploma of Professional Political Practice?

Deakin’s new Graduate Diploma of Professional Political Practice (GDPPP) is a strongly applied, skills-based course designed to assist in the professional development of politicians’ staff and political advisers, along with those who aspire to gain employment as a political adviser or policy analyst.

The GDPPP is also highly relevant for those working within community groups, non-government organisations, public sector and statutory bodies, and the business sector, who require greater knowledge and understanding of government, public administration and public policy.

Professional Development

- The course is designed to meet the professional development needs of political advisers and those involved in providing high quality support and advice to government and parliamentarians. This category of employment is of growing significance throughout the Australian political system and internationally.
- For those involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of public policy, the course provides an essential understanding of government practice and public administration.
- Authentic assessment tasks and highly relevant theoretical and practice frameworks are integral to the course and learning experience.

Flexibility and interactivity

- Study where you want, when you want, with interactive and innovative Cloud (online) delivery, which is supplemented with some on-campus intensives in ways that suit you.
- With full-time and part-time study options available, the course can work around you and your schedule.
- Choose when to commence the course (students can enrol for Trimester 1, 2 or 3) and structure the course to suit your learning needs and priorities.

Learn from industry professionals

- Learn from highly qualified, experienced staff who have made high profile contributions to research, with an extensive range of publications and consultancies between them.
- Deakin’s academic staff are supported by an experienced and strong Advisory Board comprising representatives from industry, government, the non-government sector, political advisers and private consultancies.

Pathway to further study

The Graduate Diploma articulates with full credit into the Master of Politics and Policy (which in turn has a PhD pathway).

Career opportunities

The courses are designed as professional development programs for early or mid-career professionals or for those involved in or, seeking to become involved in, policy making and management within the public, community and business sectors, domestically and internationally.

For information about the course structure, fees and enrolment, visit deakin.edu.au/politics.