

Master of Education (Leadership and Learning)

Online



Top 1% of universities globally¹



Top 50 universities worldwide for education and teaching²



#1 university in Australia for educational experience³

Advance your career in education by studying the Master of Education (Leadership and Learning). Build the knowledge, skills and networks necessary to be an inspiring and innovative leader in education. This is a postgraduate degree for qualified teachers and educators looking to develop and enhance leadership capabilities. Delivered completely online, this offering will make it easy for you to fit in your study with your work and personal commitments.

Course essentials

Course Code: E725

Location: Online

Intakes: T1 (March), T2 (July)

Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent. Please note, PhD pathway is delivered via 2 years part-time study

Course overview

Leaders in education are challenged to inspire new ways of thinking and learning in our communities. They foster growth and development of educational organisations in ways that are responsive to global and local issues. Studying a Master of Education (Leadership and Learning) is an opportunity to make a real difference in your organisation.

Your interest and passion for educational leadership will be explored through practical learning experiences, supported by teaching staff with extensive research and education expertise.

You will study eight units in total which can be completed in as little as 12 months if studied full-time, or 2 years if studied part-time, depending on your individual course plan.

The four core units for this course have been designed to build your knowledge and skills in relation to (i) educational context, policy and leadership in challenging times, (ii) evidence, analysis and evaluation for educational improvement, (iii) leadership for staff development and well-being, and (iv) leading and managing innovation, change and improvement.

You will be able to complete the full complement of eight units by selecting unit sequences chosen from additional combinations of research preparation units and a range of specialist elective studies. **The course provides a pathway to PhD if you are interested in furthering your research.**

Course structure

To qualify for the award of Master of Education (Leadership and Learning) **students must complete 8 credit points** comprising:

4 credit points of core units			
ECM720 Educational Context, Policy and Leadership in Challenging Times	ECM721 Evidence, Analysis and Evaluation for Educational Improvement	ECM722 Leading for Staff Development and Well-Being	ECM723 Leading and Managing Innovation, Change and Improvement
And one of the following combinations* of research units:			
Option 1: PhD pathway (4 credit points of research units, all to be studied sequentially)		Option 2: Non-PhD pathway (2 credit points of research units plus 2 credit points of course electives)	
EDX701 Research Design Development and Method		EDX701 Research Design Development and Method	
EDX712 Theory and Methodology in Education Research		EDX707 Independent Research Project for Professional Practice	
EDX703 Research paper A		2 credit points of course electives from a recommended elective sequence	
EDX704 Research paper B			

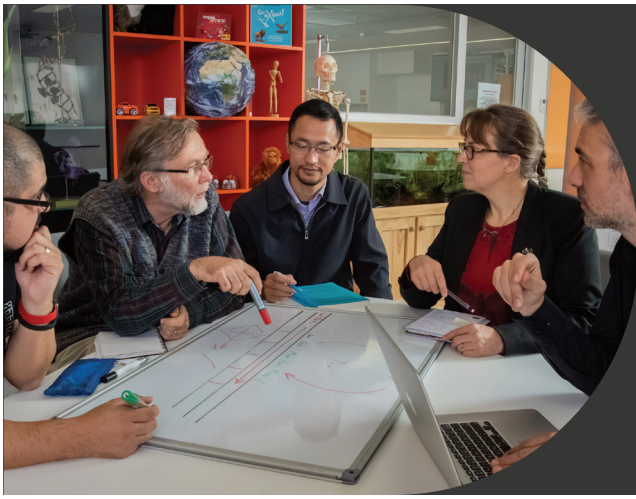
Students are also required to complete an Academic Integrity unit in order to graduate from their course. This unit does not contribute towards course credit. Refer to deakin.edu.au/course/E725 for a complete course structure breakdown. We recommend that students seek assistance from a student adviser.

*Please note students who complete four (4) credit point research unit pathway will be eligible for a PhD pathway. Students who complete the two (2) credit point research unit pathway will not be eligible for a PhD pathway.

¹ Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020

² QS World Rankings by Subject 2022

³ Graduate Outcomes Survey (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2019



Want a degree that's more than just a qualification? Our industry connections, world-class facilities and practical approach to learning are just some of the reasons why Deakin students graduate confident and ready to thrive in the jobs of tomorrow.

The award conferred upon completion is recognised in the Australian Qualifications Framework at Level 9.

Career opportunities

Looking for career progression in the education sector? With employment in education and training projected to grow by 149,600 by November 2026* there has never been a greater need for leaders in education.

Graduates work across a broad range of educational contexts, including schools, early childhood education, higher education, vocational and professional education. Deakin understands the career opportunities are significant and works with you to help you achieve your goals.

Develop specialist skills to advance the careers of emerging and established educational leaders in various roles. You may be working in or aspiring to work in one of the following roles:

- corporate education lead
- corporate services director
- curriculum leader
- department/faculty manager
- early childhood assistant director
- early childhood educator
- educational administrator
- higher education manager
- HR manager
- lead school teacher
- organisational development manager
- program leader
- school manager
- school assistant principal
- school principal
- year group coordinator

Recognition of prior learning

The University aims to provide students with as much credit as possible for approved prior study or informal learning which exceeds the normal entrance requirements for the course and is within the constraints of the course regulations. Students are required to complete a minimum of one-third of the course at Deakin University, or four credit points, whichever is the greater. In the case of certificates, including graduate certificates, a minimum of two credit points within the course must be completed at Deakin.

You can also refer to the Recognition of Prior Learning System which outlines the credit that may be granted towards a Deakin University degree and how to apply for credit.

Recognition of Prior Learning may be granted to applicants based on prior studies and/or equivalent industry experience.

*Employment outlook Industry and occupation trends over the five years to November 2026, National Skills Commission, Australian Government.

Entry requirements

Deakin University uses a range of selection criteria for course entry. Find the detailed entry requirements on the course page at: deakin.edu.au/course/E725

Applying to Deakin

Find out how to apply, ask a question or get help with your application at: deakin.edu.au/how-to-apply

If you are ready to apply, you can submit your application directly to Deakin at apply.deakin.edu.au

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