

Student Services

Why should I transfer from the Graduate Diploma of Teaching to the Master of Teaching?

Teacher Registration for Graduate Diploma of Teaching

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Completing Placements in Graduate Diploma of Teaching

As such, there are also some placement restrictions if you reside outside of Western Australia. Placements are not possible for GDoT in the ACT.

The Master of Teaching (MTeach) is a two year full-time Initial Teacher Education course that is accredited by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). The Entry Requirements for the Master of Teaching are the same as the Graduate Diploma of Teaching, so you will receive the same teaching area in the Master of Teaching as you would have in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching.

Completing Placements in Master of Teaching

There are currently no placement restrictions associated with the Masters of Teaching Program. Students enrolled in the Master of Teaching program can be placed in the states and territories where they reside.

Can I remain in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching?

Completing Placements in Graduate Diploma of Teaching

If you decide to remain in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching, you may be required to complete a placement a significant distance away from your home address if you reside outside Perth, WA. Placements are not possible for GDoT in the ACT.

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As such, if you plan to become a teacher outside of Western Australia, we strongly recommend that you review the Teacher Registration requirements in the relevant state or territory.

If I have already received a placement for Professional Experience I in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching, will this be impacted with the change to the Master of Teaching?

No, if you have already received a placement for Professional Experience I in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching, you can complete this as planned. When your Master of Teaching Study Plan is ready

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for enrolment in 2026, we will credit across any equivalent units from the Graduate Diploma of Teaching. The placement days completed in Professional Experience I in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching will count towards part of the Professional Experience I Placement in the Master of Teaching.

When should I transfer to the Master of Teaching Program?

If you have completed units in the GDoT or have enrolled to commence GDoT units in T5, 2025, you should remain in the GDoT program until your 2025 GDoT units are completed. This will ensure that you receive the correct units for advanced standing/credit when transferring from Term 1, 2026.

If I transfer to the Master of Teaching Program, will I receive credit for units I have already completed in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching?

You will receive Recognition of Prior Learning/credit for any units completed in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching if you decide to transfer to the Master of Teaching in the same specialisation and teaching area combination.

Can I leave the Master of Teaching program and receive the Graduate Diploma of Teaching?

Provided that you have completed the required units and placement hours for the Graduate Diploma of Teaching (while enrolled in the Master of Teaching program) you may exit the Master of Teaching program early and be awarded with a Graduate Diploma of Teaching. Please contact Client Services for more information about this option.

Is the University offering me a Student Visa/ECOE to transfer to the Masters of Teaching program?

No. If you need a student visa, you will need to apply for entry to the Master of Teaching as a student visa applicant as we will need to assess your application according to Australian Visa requirements.

I am currently on a non-student visa to study the Graduate Diploma of Teaching. How do I apply for a student visa place in the Master of Teaching?

You will need to reapply for the Master of Teaching in a Student Visa place. The Admissions team will assess your application and provide an application outcome in due course. We are not able to guarantee a student visa place if you are currently studying in a non-student visa place.

If I decide to transfer to the Master of Teaching, can I change my teaching area as well?(Secondary only)

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Because the entry requirements are identical to the Graduate Diploma of Teaching, we are offering the same teaching area that you were approved for in the Graduate Diploma of Teaching when you transfer to the Master of Teaching.

Will changing to the Master of Teaching impact my Study Plan and Course Progression?

Client Services will provide you with an updated copy of the personalised Study Plan and Course Progression that you received with your initial offer. These documents will show what the transfer to the Master of Teaching will look like in your circumstances.

How long will the process take should I decide to transfer to the Master of Teaching?

You will be issued with a new offer for 2026 Term 1. Processing of this option will occur before 2026 Term 1 commences, but you must accept and enrol according to usual University dates.

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