

New Pathways

There have been a number of recent developments in the Griffith University Faculty of Education programs for teacher preparation in the priority area of Industrial Technology and Design and Graphics. In 2008 the Faculty of Education made the decision to suspend the four year Bachelor of Technology Education. While the program was widely recognised to be of the highest quality, the number of school leavers choosing to enter the four year program had continued to decline over several years, even though employment prospects are excellent. An extensive survey of schools undertaken in 2009 did not provide evidence to warrant a reversal of this decision and therefore this particular program will no longer be offered. However, Griffith University Faculty of Education has a long standing commitment to the provision of high quality graduates in this priority area of teacher education and has therefore undertaken a process of putting into place a number of alternative pathways and programs in order to continue to graduate teachers of Industrial and Technology and Design and Graphics.

Option 1

Recent school graduates with entry via QTAC, commencing Semester 1 2010

The Faculty has embedded two new teaching areas in the **Bachelor of Education – Secondary**. Students will be able to enter the Bachelor of Education - Secondary and undertake studies in both Industrial Technology and Design and Graphics.

This option will enable two years of concentrated content knowledge in the two areas to be undertaken prior to Professional Studies and Practice Teaching in Years 3 and 4. With Industrial Technology and Design as one teaching area, students may choose another teaching area from Graphics, Health and Physical Education or Computer Education. Additionally, students with a first teaching area in English, Social Science, Drama and Health and Physical Education will also have the option to choose either Industrial Technology and Design or Graphics as their other teaching area.

This option is currently undergoing the final Griffith University and Queensland College of Teachers approval.

The program is now available on the QTAC web site. The QTAC Code is 223102.

Option 2

Preservice postgraduate offering

Registered teachers wishing to retrain to become teachers of Industrial and Technology Design and Graphics have the option to undertake a **Graduate Certificate in Industrial Technology and Design**. This program was introduced in 2008, and following its success, has again been offered this year. Department of Education and Training scholarships have been offered to teachers to undertake this program with participants reporting favourably on its quality. This is a one year part-time program with two intensive on campus periods, each of two weeks' duration, scheduled mid-year and at the end of the year. Teachers undertaking this program are able to articulate directly into the Master of Education program. The Graduate Certificate provides 40 credit points towards the Masters program (80 credit points).

Option 3

Postgraduate qualification

Graduates with an existing Bachelors degree such as Engineering, Industrial or Product Design and Architecture, will have the option to enter the teaching profession via the **Graduate Diploma of Education – Secondary** in Semester 1 2010. This existing one year full-time (two years part-time) program will have approved options for teachers of Industrial Technology and Design and Graphics. Entry will again be through QTAC and it is anticipated that offers will be made to successful applicants in December 2009. Candidates with an alternate degree and with a trade qualification may also be eligible for entry.

Option 4 Trade Qualified



Griffith University also offers a **Bachelor of Adult and Vocational Education** program. This program provides a pathway for trade-qualified entrants. Normally, students gain up to two years advanced standing on the basis of their trade qualification, and undertake a two year program with much of the course content available through distance/online mode. Graduates are eligible for registration with the Queensland College of Teachers on degree completion. This program is also available to students who choose to study part-time.

School graduates with entry via QTAC, commencing Semester 1 2011

Commencing in 2011, Griffith University Faculty of Education will introduce a new structure for the **Bachelor of Education – Secondary**, following relevant approval processes. The commencement of this program will include two specialist teaching areas in Industrial Technology and Design and Graphics alongside other subject specialties such as Drama, Health and Physical Education and English. Entry will be via QTAC with successful candidates able to nominate their preferred teaching specialisations. While this is a four year degree, the new structure will be delivered to enable graduation in 3.5 years.

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