

# 2010

# GDE

## Graduate Diploma in Education



Thinking of studying the Graduate Diploma in Education at The University of Wollongong?

**This pamphlet provides some basic information and web links regarding:**

- Information regarding studying in Wollongong.
- The Graduate Diploma Program.
- What you need to know, do and organise prior to studying the GDE at Wollongong.

### Why Wollongong?

[www.uow.edu.au/future/international/whywollongong](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/whywollongong)

### First year at UOW- Helpful tips and information

[www.uow.edu.au/student/services/fye](http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/fye)

### Tourism Wollongong website

[www.tourismwollongong.com](http://www.tourismwollongong.com)

### Important Information for Overseas Students

University of Wollongong provides detailed information and support to all overseas students.

Information and services can be found at:

[www.uow.edu.au/future/international](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international)

### What is involved in the Graduate Diploma in Education?

The program is an intensive academic course that is offered as a professional postgraduate teacher education program that is completed within one year. The course has full accreditation with the New South Wales Institute of Teachers and is recognized by NSW, Australian and International teaching employing authorities.

The course aims to provide an academically rigorous and practically orientated program, integrating pedagogy and educational theory with practical teaching experience (Professional Experience).

More Information can be found at:

[www.uow.edu.au/educ/courses/graddiped](http://www.uow.edu.au/educ/courses/graddiped)

### Where is Wollongong?

Wollongong University is 60 min drive south of Sydney situated on picturesque coastline. The University is 5 kilometres from central Wollongong City.

More information regarding New South Wales, Sydney and Wollongong can be found at:

[www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com)

## When does the program start?

### GDE Primary 2010

Autumn Session 18th Jan - 25th Jun	Mid-Year Break 26th Jun - 18th Jul	Spring Session 19th Jul - 22nd Nov
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There is a mid-year intake for GDE Primary on the 19th of July.

### GDE Secondary 2010

Autumn Session 15th Feb - 25th Jun	Mid-Year Break 26th Jun - 18th Jul	Spring Session 19th Jul - 22nd Nov
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*\*You need to arrive in Wollongong AT LEAST 10 days before the start of the GDE Program.*

## What Subjects do I study?

In the Graduate Diploma in Education all Primary and Secondary Students study “CORE” or “FOUNDATION” Subjects. These subjects provide the pedagogical and theoretical knowledge required to understand teaching and learning, education and the teaching profession. In 2010 the subjects and schedule are:

Autumn Session	Spring Session
EDGD801 Learning and Behaviour	EDGD802 Sociology
EDGD808 Quality Teaching and Pedagogy	EDGD807 Learners with Special Needs
EDGD806 Aboriginal Education	EDGD804 Personal Development, Health & Physical Education *
EDGD803 Literacy Across the Curriculum	

*\*Secondary PDHPE students do not undertake EDGD804 but study an alternative EDGD805 PDHPE unit.*

The above “CORE” subjects are taught by academics at the University of Wollongong and include lectures, tutorials, workshops, video conferencing, group work and on line modules. These CORE subjects are taught between 8.30 – 4.30 and are usually 3 hours per week “face to face” contact.

## Graduate Diploma in Education Primary

Graduate Diploma in Education Primary students study Key Learning Areas (KLA's). KLA's are the subject areas taught in Primary Schools. The schedule for KLA's in 2010:

Autumn Session	Spring Session
EDGD815 Numeracy	EDGD813 Creative and Performing Arts
EDGD810 English	EDGD811 Mathematics
EDGD812 Science and Technology	EDGD814 Human Society and its Environment

The KLA Subjects are taught by specialist practicing teachers and are scheduled after school hours from 4.30 - 7.30, two evenings a week.

More Information regarding Primary GDE specific subjects can be found at:

[www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/educ/H09006188](http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/educ/H09006188)

## Graduate Diploma in Education Secondary

Graduate Diploma in Education Secondary students study two method subjects during both Autumn and Spring Sessions. Students can choose from the following:

Single Method - Choose any Two	
EDGD824 English	EDGD828 Legal Studies
EDGD833 Drama	EDGD827 Business Studies/Commerce
EDGD825 Modern History	EDGD834 French Language
EDGD826 Geography	EDGD840 Society and Culture ( <i>new for 2010</i> )

Or

Double Method - Choose One
EDGD820 and EDGD821 Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth and Environmental Science)
EDGD822 and EDGD823 Mathematics
EDGD837 and EDGD838 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
EDGD831 and EDGD832 Visual Arts
EDGD829 and EDGD830 Music
EDGD835 and EDGD836 Computer Studies (Information Systems or Software Design)

The Method Subjects are taught by specialist practicing secondary high school teachers and are scheduled after school hours from 4.30 - 7.30, usually two evenings a week.

More Information regarding Secondary GDE specific subjects can be found at:

[www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/educ/H09000001](http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2009/pg/educ/H09000001)

*Please Note: The 2010 handbook will be available November 2009.*

### EDGD800 Professional Experience (PEX)

All GDE Primary and Secondary students complete 55 days of teaching experience in local primary or secondary schools. The aim of this subject is to provide the pre-service teacher with a wide range of teaching experiences. Emphasis is on lesson planning, developing units of work, classroom management, catering for the diverse needs of learners in the classroom and developing an understanding of how schools function. The schedule for Professional Experience (PEX) for 2010 is:

Initial PEX - 3 weeks (Late March)

Minor PEX - 3 weeks (Early June)

Major PEX - 5 weeks (October / November)

PEX placements are at local primary and secondary schools. Students must expect to travel up to 45 minutes to their allocated school for PEX. Students have the opportunity in the Minor PEX to teach overseas in Fiji, Thailand, China or Malaysia. However there are limited places and not available to mid-year intake students.

## Applying for the Graduate Diploma in Education

The GDE Program for Primary and Secondary is very competitive and eligibility is assessed accordingly to the NSW Institute of Teachers criteria.

### How to apply?

Future Canadian students should apply through a Canadian Teaching Education Agent (eg. CANTEACH).

## Preparing before you begin the Graduate Diploma in Education

To prepare before you arrive at University of Wollongong you may wish to undertake preliminary reading and develop an understanding of the teaching documents and accreditation bodies that are central to the Graduate Diploma in Education Program.

### NSW Institute of Teachers

This is the accreditation body for all NSW university education programs, graduating teachers and teachers. The Institute oversees a system of accreditation and recognition of a teacher's professional capacity against professional standards. On this site you will find information regarding the teaching standards you need to achieve to graduate from the GDE program.

[www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/Main-Professional-Teaching-Standards.html](http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/Main-Professional-Teaching-Standards.html)

### NSW Board of Studies

The Board of Studies NSW serves government and non-government schools in NSW by the development and implementation of quality curriculum. The GDE method subjects you will study are based on the NSW syllabus documents. This site provides all syllabus documents and support materials for teachers in all subject areas of teaching from Kindergarten to Year 12.

[www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

## What you may need to know!

### Bring originals and photocopies the following documentation to Australia

- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Drivers License
- Student Card
- Photograph Identification
- Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- Academic Transcripts
- Proof of Residence once in Australia
- Health Card

*\*All photocopies must be notarised / certified.*

*\*\*You require 100 points of identification for DET and NSWIT applications.*

### Bring Personal and Work References

You may need references for renting (previous real estate agents). You will need to bring a referee's name and contact details for the Teacher Accreditation Application. Please note that reference letters may be useful for job applications, renting etc.

For job interviews and NSW DET interviews you will need professional business attire.

### Accommodation in Australia

A 3-4 bedroom fully furnished apartment or house costs between \$AUD 300-700 per week depending on location, age or property and the facilities available (when shared between 3-4 people this roughly equates to \$AUD 120-300 per person per week).

Rent is usually paid weekly or fortnightly, not monthly. Unfurnished means the house/unit does not come equipped with a fridge or washing machine.

More information regarding accommodation in Wollongong can be found at:

[www.uow.edu.au/future/international/accept/accommodation](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/international/accept/accommodation)

### Travel Opportunity- Mid-Year Break

Travel throughout Australia and New Zealand can be achieved on a tight budget. The 3 week mid-year break is the perfect opportunity to explore and experience some of the wonderful destinations and attractions that Australia and New Zealand have to offer. It's often cheaper to book domestic flights early. You should also look for specials being offered by the domestic airlines (QANTAS, Virgin Blue, Jetstar, Tiger).

### PEX - Professional Experience

- You will require professional business clothes for teaching in schools.
- You will be required to cover any costs incurred for travel to and from your nominated schools for each PEX placement.

### Further Inquires

If you have any questions or require more information on anything relating to the Graduate Diploma of Education or the University of Wollongong please contact us at:

[sscgen@uow.edu.au](mailto:sscgen@uow.edu.au)



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