

# Faculty of Education and Social Work

professional learning opportunities



Schools Projects  
In-Service Certificate  
of Education  
International  
**SPICE**

### Postgraduate award structure

Each unit of study in the Faculty of Education and Social Work's postgraduate courses is worth six credit points.

SPICE is a Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies program comprising of four units of study and worth 24 credit points in total. If you are successful in the SPICE program, you can apply for credits and upgrade to the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies or the Master of Education courses run by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

LEVEL	CREDIT POINTS	UNITS OF STUDY
Grad Cert in Educational Studies	24	4
Grad Dip in Educational Studies	36	6
Master of Education	48	8

The Division of Professional Learning is endorsed as a provider of Institute Registered continuing professional development with the NSW Institute of Teachers.

For more information on SPICE and other professional development programs visit [www.proflern.edsw.usyd.edu.au](http://www.proflern.edsw.usyd.edu.au)



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# Schools Projects In-Service Certificate of Education

## International SPICE

SPICE is an innovative Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies offered by The University of Sydney. It is designed to enable practicing teachers to develop their skills and understanding at a graduate level.

SPICE aims to improve standards of teaching and engagement in specialist areas of work and all units pursue a set of common program objectives:

- To provide opportunities for long-term professional development for teachers in a specialist area;
- To enhance teachers' knowledge, understanding and skills in ways that meet internationally and nationally identified training needs;
- To provide teachers with an extensive working knowledge of national, local and school policies and with the skills to translate these policies into practice;
- To enable teachers to support their schools in whole school development so that the entire institution benefits from the knowledge and skills acquired on the program;
- To equip teachers with research skills that enable them to identify areas of concern, plan strategies for improvement, implement their plans, and evaluate the effectiveness of their work;
- To offer teachers the opportunity to continue to extend their work through further study.

### Course structure

SPICE is comprised of four units of study closely related to practice in schools to be completed in a maximum period of two years (four semesters).

The first unit of study has a more theoretical bias in order to familiarise participants with the literature of action research and action learning, and help them relate their practice to those of others. The second, third and fourth units of study are a mixture of theory and practice. They involve carrying out small research projects in the work environment in order to help improve practice and broaden students' understanding of institutions and teaching and learning.

### Units of study

The first unit of study is Action Research and Action Learning (EDPF5008), which offers practical approaches for improving practice with specific reference to your chosen pathway. At the end of this unit of study you will be allowed to choose your preferred pathway for Units 2, 3 and 4, if there are sufficient numbers in each pathway:

- Individual Professional Learning Portfolio (EDPZ5010)
- Professional Learning Leadership Portfolio (EDPZ6010)
- Teaching, Learning and the Internet (EDPC5003)
- Gifted and Talented: Education Models and Practice (EDPD5018)
- Curriculum Leadership & Managing Change (EDPF6016)
- Contemporary Issues in Teaching (EDPF5001)
- Professional Mentoring - Teacher Induction (EDPF5015)
- School-based Management & Effectiveness (EDPA6017)
- Management and Leadership (EDPA6015).

### Course delivery

The date and location of course delivery is flexible, and dependent on participants' needs and the number of students enrolled. Ideal participation would consist of groups of 15 or more from the same institution or geographical location.

The course is delivered in formal study schools conducted in block mode and led by staff from The University of Sydney. It will be supported by school visits and email/phone contact with lecturers.



### Assessment & awards

Assessment involves full attendance at and participation during each study school; submission of all required assessment tasks; and completion of four units of study with a passing grade for each.

Successful students are awarded a Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies. Alternatively, six credit points may be credited towards the Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies or the Master of Education.

### Course fees

Each fully assessed unit of study is AUD\$2,050 (\$1,650 + \$400 assessment administration fee). Discounted rates are available for groups of 15 or more.

Units of study can be undertaken individually as non-award study for a fee of AUD\$1,650 per unit.

### Enrolment

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