Step into special education

If you are a successful applicant for the Sponsored Training Education Program, you will receive an annual tuition subsidy of up to $5000 based on fulltime study (pro-rata for part-time study) and a general-purpose allowance of $300. You will also receive a completion grant of $2500.

Depending on the studies you have already completed as part of your initial degree and teacher education program, the table opposite gives an example of the maximum studies you will need to undertake to become qualified in teaching students with additional learning and support needs including disabilities.

Programs prepare graduates for teaching years K to 12. Primary approved teachers are eligible for secondary special education codes if requested, and secondary approved teachers are eligible for primary special education codes if requested.

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<td>an approved primary or secondary teacher</td>
<td>an approved* post-graduate program at Master’s degree level in Special Education/Inclusive Education/Sensory Disabilities</td>
<td>A maximum total of 8 to 16 subjects equivalent to one to two years of full time study or equivalent part-time</td>
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* Approved programs are those recognised and endorsed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities as appropriate courses of study.

The following universities offer approved Master’s degree programs in special education, inclusive education and sensory disabilities:

- Charles Sturt University
- Deakin University
- Flinders University
- La Trobe University
- University of Newcastle
- RIDBC Renwick Centre
- University of New South Wales
- University of New England
- University of Sydney
- University of Western Sydney
- University of Wollongong.

Note: The above list is not exhaustive. New programs delivered by other universities may be available.

Further information
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