TEACH SCIENCE

Your natural curiosity about the world we live in can inspire a whole new generation of scientists and thinkers

They say science teachers are both born AND made.

You may have always had a lifelong fascination with the universe and its workings, or perhaps you’ve been inspired as a student by the enthusiasm of your own science teacher. Either way, you will derive tremendous satisfaction from imparting your love and knowledge of the subject to yet another generation.

Science is taught as an integrated subject in Years 7-10. Students in Years 11 and 12 may choose to study one or more of the following science subjects:

- biology
- chemistry
- earth and environmental science
- physics.

As a science teacher you may be expected to teach the Years 7-10 science course as well as the senior science courses for which you have approval to teach.

You should also use your special interests and talents to contribute to a wide range of school activities.

Getting there

If you are interested in a career as a science teacher you should complete study in science, including physics or chemistry at Higher School Certificate (HSC) level. It is also recommended that you complete study in mathematics at an advanced level in the HSC.

You will also need to complete, through a recognised higher education institution, two years of study in one science subject and one year of study in another science subject, with one of these being either physics or chemistry.

In addition, you must complete at least one year of professional studies in teaching that includes science 7-12 teaching methodology.

Degree options

- an undergraduate degree, and a graduate entry teacher education program such as a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary), or a Master of Teaching (Secondary); or,
- an integrated undergraduate program such as a four-year Bachelor of Education (Secondary) which includes both subject content studies and teacher education; or,
- an undergraduate double degree program such as a Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).

Further information about the requirements to become a teacher in NSW, including approved initial teacher education programs, can be found on the NSW Institute of Teachers website at www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au.

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