

Postgraduate Secondary Education Specialisations for 2018

Students applying for the Master of Teaching (Secondary) I91 and Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) W82 must have a completed bachelor degree that provides a suitable background for teaching at least one area of the Australian secondary curriculum.

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) defines a suitable background as:

- **Major:** at least six units, with no more than two at first year level and at least two at third year level.
- **Minor:** at least four units, with no more than two at first year level.

The major and minor study must be at university level (not VET), as a discrete discipline.

The specific requirements to qualify for an area of study are outlined below. “Major” and “minor” are defined as per above.

	First teaching area (major)	Second teaching area (minor)
Art Education	Major in visual arts with practical studies in 2 and 3 and/or 4D art forms, art theory/history (minimum of two units) and studio art making practice (minimum of two units).	Minor in visual arts with practical studies in 2 and 3 and/or 4D art forms, art theory/history (minimum of one unit) and studio art making practice (minimum of one unit).
Computing Education	Major in computing or computing technology, including information systems, design and development (e.g. database design including relational databases and communication systems/networking), programming, and system analysis, design, development and testing.	Minor in computing or computing technology, including information systems, design and development (e.g. database design including relational databases and communication systems/networking), programming, and system analysis, design, development and testing.
Dance Education	Major in dance, including history and analysis of dance, performance, and a technique base in modern/contemporary dance and ballet, applied anatomy and kinesiology, and composition/choreography.	Minor in dance, including history and analysis of dance, performance, and a technique base in modern/contemporary dance and ballet, applied anatomy and kinesiology, and composition/choreography.
Design and Technology Education	Major in design or design-related study in areas such as architecture, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, landscape design and/or product design. Minimum of two units of practical application in designing and producing in engineering, industrial technology (wood, metals, plastics), or textile technology, with workshop experience.	Minor in design or design-related study in areas such as architecture, graphic design, industrial design, interior design, landscape design and/or product design. Minimum of two units of practical application in designing and producing in engineering, industrial technology (wood, metals, plastics), or textile technology, with workshop experience.
Drama Education	Major in drama, including performance, production, theory, and preferably Australian drama.	Minor in drama, including performance, production, theory, and preferably Australian drama.
English Education	Major in English with a minimum of three units of strong, core textual studies including literature. Single-focus degrees in creative writing or journalism do not usually have the breadth of content required.	Minor in English with a minimum of two units of strong, core textual studies including literature.

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Languages Other than English (LOTE)	Major in a language, including study of the spoken and written language.	Minor in a language, including study of the spoken and written language.
Health and Physical Education	Major in exercise and sports science with at least three units in health education (including mental health, sexual health, relationships, drug education, child protection education, gender studies, and risk-taking behaviour), and at least three units in physical education (including contemporary physical activities, dance, gymnastic, games and sport). Coaching and umpiring/refereeing certificates or accreditation are not sufficient.	Minor in exercise and sports science with at least two units in health education (including mental health, sexual health, relationships, drug education, child protection education, gender studies, and risk-taking behaviour), and at least two units in physical education (including contemporary physical activities, dance, gymnastic, games and sport). Coaching and umpiring/refereeing certificates or accreditation are not sufficient.
Home Economics Education	Major with theoretical studies and practical applications in food preparation, technology and science, as well as hospitality, clothing and textiles, and family studies.	Minor with theoretical studies and practical applications in food preparation, technology and science, as well as hospitality, clothing and textiles, and family studies.
Humanities and Social Science Education	Major in economics, geography, history or politics/law, together with study in second area including anthropology, cultural studies, geography, history, indigenous studies, legal studies, politics or economics.	Minor with a combination of economics, geography, history or politics/law.
Mathematics Education	Major in pure or applied mathematics, which must include algebra, trigonometry and calculus. Only one unit of statistics may be counted, and only if it is a stand-alone unit.	Minor in pure or applied mathematics, which must include algebra, trigonometry and calculus. Only one unit of statistics may be counted, and only if it is a stand-alone unit.
Media Education	Major in communications or media studies, with production and digital editing experience in film and/or TV. Photography and/or digital design are desirable.	Minor in communications or media studies. Production and digital editing experience in film and/or TV are desirable, and photography and/or digital design are helpful.
Music Education	Major in music including music history and analysis in a range of musical styles, periods and genres (with a strong component of contemporary and western art music), compositional techniques, with a minimum of four units of music performance studies.	Minor in music including music history and analysis in a range of musical styles, periods and genres (with a strong component of contemporary and western art music), compositional techniques, with a minimum of two units of music performance studies.

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Science Education	<p>Major in science including theoretical units from biology, chemistry, astronomy, physics, and earth and environmental science.</p> <p>Applied degrees including leisure science, nursing, psychology, architecture, engineering, and sports science do not usually have the breadth of content required.</p>	<p>Minor in science including theoretical units from biology, chemistry, astronomy, physics, and earth and environmental science.</p>
Catholic Education	<p>Not available as a first teaching area.</p>	<p>Catholic background, interested in teaching religious education at Catholic schools.</p>
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	<p>Not available as a first teaching area.</p>	<p>Minor in linguistics, languages or English studies. A strong academic record or experience outside of language/English studies would also be considered.</p>
Specialised Health Education	<p>Not available as a first teaching area.</p>	<p>Minor in personal development and/or health studies (with a socio-cultural perspective), and/or physical education with at least two units in health education including mental health, sexual health, relationships, drug education, child protection education, gender studies, and</p>
Instrumental Music	<p>Not available as a first teaching area. Only available to Music Education majors.</p>	<p>Experience either singing or playing an instrument, with at least basic music reading skills.</p>

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