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# The VU Block Model®

Feel confident and engaged in your studies with our unique and award-winning VU Block Model®. VU is the first university in Australia, and the largest in the world, to deliver courses through this innovative teaching model, inspired by similar successful models across North America and Europe.

## Our VU Block Model® explained

At most universities, you would usually study four subjects at the same time, similar to high school. With the VU Block Model®, you study one subject at a time, meaning you can focus your efforts, master your skills, and receive real-time feedback before moving on to the next subject.

### Accelerated

Accelerate your learning by studying part-time as you progress through six blocks per year, in seven-week study periods – with a break between blocks.

### Flexible

Plan your studies over the course of the year to fit into your life, so you can manage study along with work, family and everything else important to you.

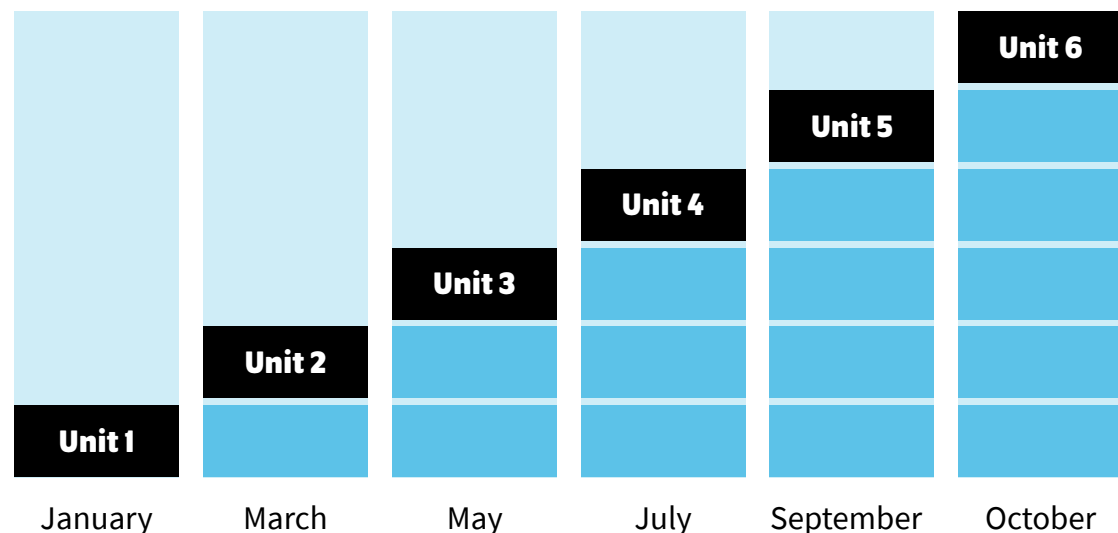
### Focused

Focus on one unit at a time rather than juggling multiple topics at once, to maximise focused and deeper learning. Choose to take a break if needed or complete all units consecutively. It's up to you.

### Supported

Receive the one-on-one support you need to succeed with VU Online's academic and administrative support – available seven days a week.

## Six units over one year - study one unit at a time



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**Experience four layers of online academic and non-academic student support seven days a week.**



## Unit Facilitator

Provides 1:1 academic support via phone, email or SMS seven days a week and in the evenings.



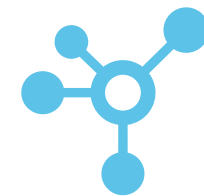
## Unit Coordinator

Delivers live weekly online office hours and fortnightly teaching seminars.



## Student Success Advisor

On hand Monday to Friday via phone and email, to help students with any non-academic queries and assist with administrative processes such as enrolment and degree pathing.



## Personalised support

A network of personalised IT, library, language, literacy and numeracy support, and counselling services available to all students.

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VU's model of dedicated, prompt and responsive support seven days a week sets us apart from any other university in Australia.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Office hour*	Seminar**			
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Online Facilitator seven days						
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unit Coordinator seven days						
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Student Success Advisor - Monday to Friday						
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Network support seven days						

\* Live weekly office hour. \*\* Live fortnightly seminar.

## Got questions?

Get in touch with our enrolment team.

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## Ready to apply?

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### Master of Teaching (Primary Education)

Good teachers understand that learning is a dialogue and that every person has a voice. They create classrooms where teachers and students care about each other, where there is equity and opportunity, where the foundations for success are set and where a lifelong love of learning begins.

VU Online's Master of Teaching (Primary Education) will empower you to make a positive difference to children, families and communities. The Master of Teaching (Primary Education) will allow you to develop the skillset required to effectively teach a variety of subjects in all areas of the primary curriculum. During your studies, you will learn to use theories of teaching and learning to critically review educational research and data, understand the Australian curriculum, and engage students in their learning. You will also be able to understand the social, cultural and political contexts that influence primary education and develop a resilient teaching practice that empowers you to teach across diverse classrooms.

With VU Online, you will spend more time where it matters — in primary school classrooms, gaining hands-on, practical experience. During your postgraduate studies, you will have the opportunity to apply your

learning over 65 days of placement, allowing you to gain essential experience and improve your professional practice through self-reflection. Receive personalised support, including while on placement, so you can make the most of every classroom experience.

**Designed for students who want to become registered teachers. Become classroom ready and be empowered to teach in diverse classrooms.**

### Placement

65 days of classroom placement

### Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the Victoria Institute of Teaching (VIT), which means graduates will be eligible for registration to teach in the whole of Australia.

### Duration

2 years 8 months part-time^

### Study periods

January, March, May, July, September, October

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## Course units (14 units in total)

- ◆ Approaches to Teaching and Learning
- ◆ Language and Literacy in the Primary Years 1
- ◆ Teaching and Learning Primary Mathematics 1
- ◆ Science in Primary Education
- ◆ Curriculum and Multi-Modal Learning
- ◆ Primary Health and Physical Education
- ◆ Humanities in Primary Education
- ◆ The Arts and Design in Primary Education
- ◆ Indigenous Perspectives in Learning and Teaching
- ◆ Research Methods in Education
- ◆ Language and Literacy in the Primary Years 2
- ◆ Teaching and Learning Primary Mathematics 2
- ◆ Engaging with the Profession\*
- ◆ Primary Specialisation Capstone\*

\*These units are double-weighted. Unit fees will be adjusted accordingly.

## What you will learn

- ◆ Implement educational innovation and professional learning in a workplace, and able to draw on a range of connections within professional and academic communities;
- ◆ Critically analyse the changing nature of society (technological, economic, environmental and cultural) and the implications for primary education;
- ◆ Understand/implement effective assessment practices for primary school teaching;
- ◆ Implement and justify a range of approaches for the education of children, enabling the development of personal teaching practices which are suitable for teaching within primary education in the 21st century; in economically and culturally diverse communities;
- ◆ Investigate and present patterns of cultural and political relations in which primary education services are located, with particular reference to primary education in economically and culturally diverse communities;

- ◆ Exhibit an understanding of and commitment to ethical action, social responsibility and sustainability, with the commitment to an ongoing process of improvement that is in their own interests, those of young people in primary education and the communities in which they teach;
- ◆ Design, formulate, and elucidate educational inquiry/research which can be applied by teachers to inform, evaluate and improve their teaching practice;
- ◆ Exhibit knowledge and skills in educational leadership applicable for beginning teachers;

## Fees

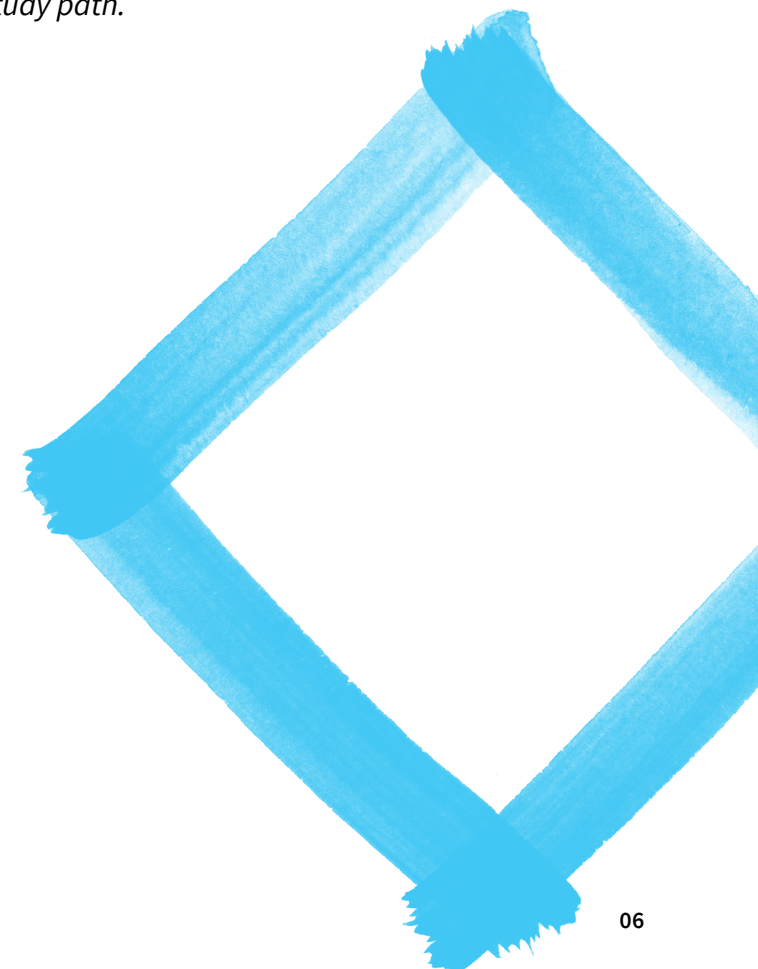
\$2,950 - \$5,900 per unit\*

## Total cost

**\$47,200 in total\***

\*2026 student fees are shown and are subject to change.

^Duration is dependent on student's study path and unit availability. Please reach out to a Student Enrolment Advisor to discuss your study path.



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Completion of an Australian Bachelor degree (or equivalent). Applicants will also be asked to complete an assessment of their non-academic attributes.

#### OR

Applicants with a Bachelor degree from countries other than Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada or the Republic of Ireland will be required to complete IELTS (or equivalent): Overall 7.0 with Listening 7.5, Reading 6.5, Writing 6.5, Speaking 7.5.

#### OR

All students need to pass a Casper test or VU Non-Academic Attributes (ANAA) interview prior to admission.

#### OR

All students need a 3.5 GPA average for entry into the course.

### Additional Information

Students should note that they will be subject to a Working with Children Check before practice placements, in accordance with Department of Education and Training policy.

Prior to enrolment into either ETP5002 or ETP5004, students in this course must sit the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE). Satisfactory achievement of the benchmark for literacy and numeracy is a requirement to graduate from the program.

### FEE-HELP

You may be eligible for the Australian Government's loan scheme, FEE-HELP. The loans are available to assist eligible full-fee-paying students with the cost of a university program. It can cover all or part of the tuition. To determine your eligibility, visit the FEE-HELP website.

### Advanced standing

Thinking of applying for credit (advanced standing)?

Advanced standing is an assessment process used to recognise the skills and knowledge you have acquired, either through study or life/work experience, by matching it with the content of units within your course. If you've already completed any of the units in the course in which you are enrolling, or their equivalent, you may be eligible for advanced standing.

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# Why study with VU Online?

## Reputable, industry connected

Earn a globally ranked Tier 1 MBA\*, engaging in a curriculum designed in partnership with the University's industry advisory groups.

## Develop practical skills

Just like in the real world, you'll focus on experiential learning – learning by doing – via scenarios, case studies, self-determined assessments and unit content that is highly relevant to your work life.

## No text books, no exams

All course readings and assessments are available digitally via the VU Library, so there are no textbooks to purchase and no exams.

\*CEO Magazine Global Rankings (2023)

## Small class sizes

All units maintain a 25:1 student-teacher ratio that ensures you receive the one-on-one attention you need.

## Personalised 1:1 online academic support

Unparalleled support from specialist academics is available seven days a week including evenings.



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# Career-based teaching and learning

The online units have been designed from the ground up with a career-centred approach, spanning:



## Overarching learning outcomes

Click on each unit in the following pages to find out more about what you will learn.



## Interactive activities

The material in each unit includes activities designed to bring students together in a virtual environment that fosters creativity and a sense of personal connection.



## Self-determined assessments

Students share examples from their own professional lives and participate in collaborative online sessions where discussion and debate can thrive - just as it would in a classroom.

**Experience a deeper,  
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experience.**

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Science in Primary Education

Curriculum and Multi-Modal Learning

Primary Health and Physical Education

Humanities in Primary Education

The Arts and Design in Primary Education

Indigenous Perspectives in Learning  
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## Ready to get started? Follow these simple steps.

### 1. Gather your documents

To complete your application, you will need the following documents:

- ◆ Certified copies of your academic transcript(s) or certificate(s) of completion.
- ◆ A copy of your current CV, which includes your current Position Description (PD), supporting letter from your employer outlining your duties, responsibilities and the duration of your employment/volunteer work.

### 2. Speak with our Student Enrolment Advisors

Once you're ready to take the next step and start your application, our Student Enrolment Advisors are here to help.

**Our team is available to assist you every step of the way:**

Monday, Tuesday and Friday

9am – 6pm (AEST)

Wednesday and Thursday

9am – 7pm (AEST)

**Contact us:**

1300 682 051

futurestudy@online.vu.edu.au

### 3. Submit your application online

Apply online directly via our Admissions Centre. You will receive an email to confirm your application and to advise whether you need to provide any additional information.

[Apply now](#)



### How long does it take to complete an application?

Your application will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Once you have submitted, you can expect to hear from us within 5 business days.

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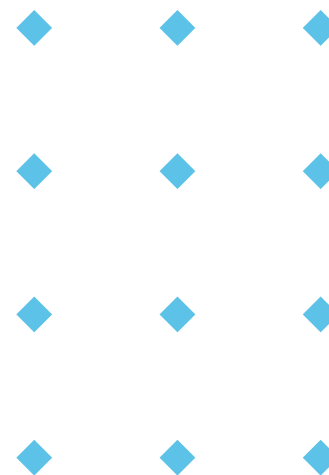
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## Contact us

Our Student Enrolment Advisors are ready to answer any questions you may have about online study at VU and the Master of Teaching (Primary Education) course, including:

- ◆ Enrolments and eligibility
- ◆ Study and course pathways
- ◆ Fitting study into your schedule
- ◆ Navigating the application process



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