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ONLINE STUDY GUIDE



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WELCOME TO ONLINE STUDY

If you are reading this, you are either about to begin or are considering beginning your studies in one of our new online diploma programs – the Diploma of Educational Studies or the Diploma of Social and Psychological Science.

These programs have been designed with the same academic quality outcomes, as our on-campus diplomas, but with the added flexibility to learn from anywhere in Australia.

Studying online with Griffith College means you can balance your education with work, family, and personal commitments.

You are in control of your schedule, while still attending scheduled live online workshops that connect you to your lecturers and peers.

You will have access to expert teaching staff, dedicated support services, and a connected online community that ensures that even if studying a far, you're never studying in isolation!

Your online diploma is also your direct pathway into a related Griffith University bachelor degree.

Upon successful completion, you can transition seamlessly into university study – At university there is flexibility for some or all of your courses to be accessed online or mixed mode, it will depend on your chosen bachelor progression.

This guide will take you through what to expect from online study, how your courses are delivered, how assessments work, key timelines, the support available to you, and an overview of each diploma.

Think of it as your reference point – a document you can revisit throughout your studies whenever you need clarity on what to do next or where to find help.

Studying online is different from on-campus learning in both pace and style.

It offers the flexibility to choose when and where you study, but it also requires self-discipline and strong time management skills.

CLASS PREPARATION

Each week, you will access your course materials in Moodle, Griffith College's online learning platform. You are expected to review the weekly content before attending your live online workshop.

This includes watching mini-lectures (typically 30 to 40 minutes each), completing assigned readings, working through interactive activities, and attempting any ungraded quizzes provided. The aim is to arrive at your workshop ready to discuss the material, ask questions, and engage in the learning activities set by your lecturer.

WEEKLY WORKLOAD COMMITMENT

You should plan to spend approximately **10 hours per course per week**, including workshop time. This is a realistic estimate based on student feedback and the volume of readings, activities, and assessments required to stay on track.

Three or four courses a trimester is considered full-time (30 or 40 hours per week), while part-time can be one or two courses at a time.

You may adjust your load from trimester to trimester depending on your circumstances, but remember that your study load impacts how quickly you will complete your diploma, your study plan, and your transition to Griffith University.

FAST FACTS



Location:
Anywhere
in Australia



Technology Needed:
Laptop with camera and microphone, and a stable internet connection



Weekly time commitment:
Around 10 hours per course



Orientation:
Held online before any classes start



Assessments:
All completed and submitted online



Duration:
2 trimesters full-time or up to 3 trimesters part-time



Workshops:
1–2 hours per week, recorded for later viewing

COURSE DELIVERY

All online courses are delivered through Moodle, where you will find your readings, lecture videos, activities, discussion boards, and assessment information. Your learning is a combination of independent study and scheduled live workshops.

**The three -
part weekly
learning
model:**

01. Prepare

Before your workshop, you will complete your pre-class activities. This may involve watching recorded mini-lectures, reading assigned chapters or journal articles, and completing short quizzes or practice tasks. This preparation gives you the background knowledge you need to fully participate in your workshop.

02. Participate

Each course includes a weekly live workshop of one to two hours, conducted via a video conferencing platform (a camera and microphone capabilities are mandatory). Your workshop timetable will remain consistent for the entire trimester, so you will know your schedule from the moment you enrol. These sessions are highly interactive and designed to reinforce your understanding of the week's content. You can ask questions, work in breakout groups, and engage in discussion with both your lecturer and peers.

03. Consolidate

After the workshop, you are encouraged to revisit the lecture content, re-do activities, and review your notes. Moodle allows you to track your progress through each module, making it easy to see what you have completed and what is still outstanding.



All workshops are recorded, so if you cannot attend a session you can catch up at a time that suits you. However, live participation is strongly recommended for the best learning outcomes, to keep you on-track, ensuring you understand the content and for the best learning outcomes.



UNDERSTANDING ASSESSMENTS AND EXAMS

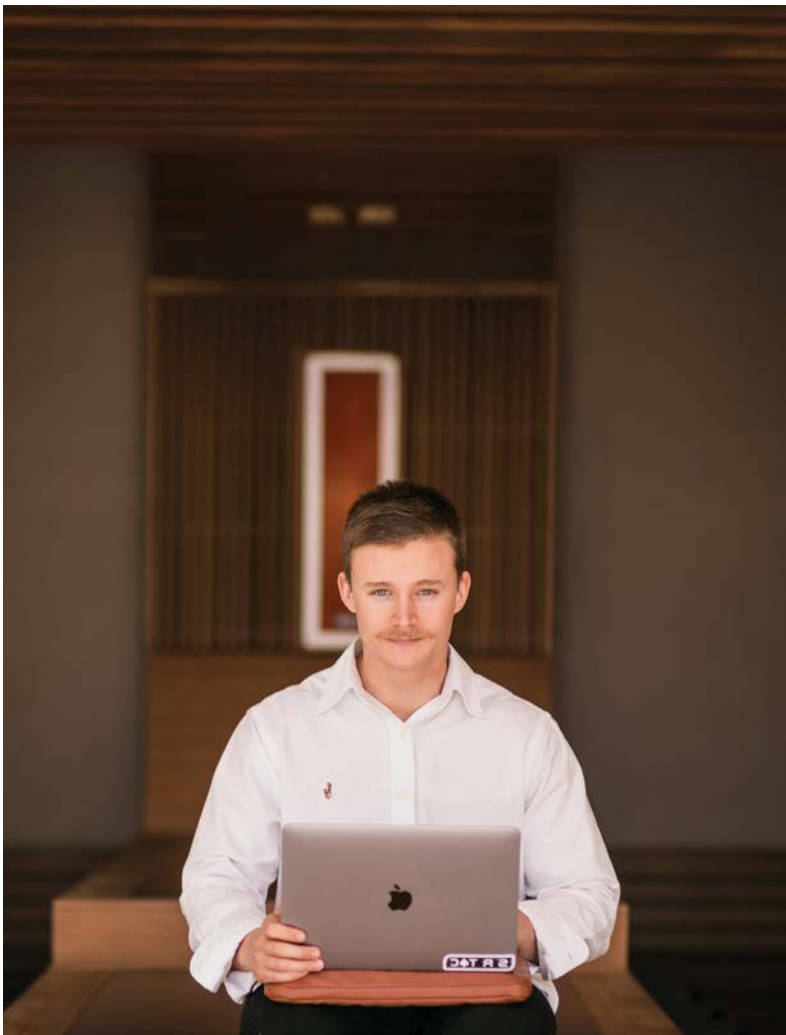
Assessment in the online mode is continuous and varied.

Most courses have three assessment tasks, although the exact format will differ depending on the subject. Examples include:

- Online quizzes or tests
- Research essays or reports
- Oral presentations conducted via Zoom or Teams
- Case study analysis
- Exams with a mix of multiple-choice and short-answer questions

Assignments are submitted through Turnitin in Moodle, where they are also checked for academic integrity. Due dates for online students are the same as for on-campus students, and these will be listed in your course outline from week one.

Some courses include a final exam, which will also be completed online. You will need a functional laptop with a working camera and microphone, along with a reliable internet connection. The exam period occurs in the final week of the trimester and exact times will be provided well in advance.



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UNDERSTANDING YOUR TRIMESTER STRUCTURE

Each trimester at Griffith College runs for 12 weeks of classes followed by one week of exams. Academic calendars for current and upcoming trimesters can be found on the Griffith College website to help you stay on top of key dates. Trimester planners are also provided to help you organise your studies and better visualise when assessments are due and exams are held. Other key milestones for your first trimester are listed below.

ORIENTATION

Held the week before classes begin, your virtual orientation covers how to use Moodle, Turnitin, and other systems, as well as an introduction to support services and study skills resources. Attendance is strongly encouraged.

COURSE ENROLMENT

Once your program admission is complete and you have applied for FEE-HELP or paid fees, you will be ready to enrol.

Enrolment usually opens about 4 weeks prior to the start of trimester. This is where you select the courses you will study in your first trimester, and where you opt for your part-time study load is applicable. At this stage your workshop times will be confirmed.

KEY DATES TO KNOW

End of Week 2

Last day to change your enrolment yourself in the student portal

Census Date (End of Week 4)

Final day to withdraw from a course without financial penalty

Academic Withdrawal Date (End of Week 8)

Final day to withdraw without academic penalty

You may switch from online to on-campus study (or vice versa) between trimesters, but not during a trimester.



YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES

Studying online does not mean studying alone.

You will have access to the same support as on-campus students:

- Student Learning Advisors can help with assignment planning, academic writing, time management, and exam preparation.
- Student Counsellors provide confidential wellbeing support.
- Academic Staff are available for one-on-one consultations.
- Online meet-ups to network with other online students.
- Contact details and booking links will be provided in your orientation and are available in Moodle.



DIPLOMA OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

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The Diploma of Educational Studies is designed for students who aspire to a career in education. It is your foundation for further study in teaching and opens the door to a range of roles in schools, early learning centres, and education-related organisations.

Through this program you will:

- Build a strong understanding of learning theory, classroom practice, and the role of education in society
- Develop essential skills in communication, collaboration, and critical thinking that are highly valued in the education sector
- Learn from experienced educators who bring real-world insights into every lesson
- Gain confidence in academic writing, research, and presentation skills that will support your success in higher education

Pathway to university

On completion of this diploma, you can transition directly into the second year of a related Griffith University bachelor degree, such as:

- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

Career prospects after further study

Graduates who complete their bachelor degree and relevant teacher registration may work as:

- Primary school teachers
- Secondary school teachers
- Early childhood educators
- Education support officers
- Curriculum advisors

Industry demand and outlook

Australia is experiencing a high demand for qualified teachers, particularly in rural and regional areas and in specialist subject areas like mathematics, science, and languages. The Federal Government’s Skills Priority List identifies teaching as a national priority profession, with job opportunities projected to grow strongly over the next decade.

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DIPLOMA OF SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

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The Diploma of Social and Psychological Science equips you with the foundational knowledge and skills to explore human behaviour, social systems, and the factors that shape our communities. It is ideal for those interested in psychology, counselling, community services, policy development, or social research.

Through this program you will:

- Explore psychology, sociology, and social research methods
- Learn how to analyse and interpret data to understand human behaviour and societal trends
- Develop problem-solving and communication skills applicable to a wide range of careers
- Engage in interactive workshops where you apply theory to real-world scenarios

Pathway to university

On completion of this diploma, you can transition directly into the second year of a related Griffith University bachelor degree, such as:

- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Social Science
- Bachelor of Counselling

Career prospects after further study

Graduates who complete a relevant bachelor degree may work in roles such as:

- Psychologist*
(with further accredited study and registration)
- Counsellor
- Social worker
- Community development officer
- Youth worker
- Policy and research officer
- Human resources advisor

**To become a registered psychologist in Australia, further postgraduate study and supervised practice are required.*

Industry demand and outlook

The Australian Government projects strong growth in psychology, counselling, and community services over the next decade, driven by increasing demand for mental health support, aged care services, and social policy development.

Indicative salaries (post-bachelor degree):

Registered psychologist: \$85,000–\$130,000+ per year
Counsellor: \$70,000–\$100,000+ per year
Social worker: \$75,000–\$110,000+ per year
Policy or research officer: \$80,000–\$120,000+ per year



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