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Why become a teacher? Change a child's life for the better

Think about your most inspiring teacher... how they made you feel. You could become that teacher and influence not just one, but hundreds or even thousands of young lives for the better.

Job Security

Becoming a teacher means you're joining an industry with long-term career prospects.

Projected employment growth in teaching is strong through to November 2026:

- Early Childhood Teachers – 21.6%
- Middle School Teachers – 21%
- Special Education Teachers – 13.5%
- Primary School Teachers – 5.1%
- Secondary School Teachers – 3.7%

Source: 2022 National Skills Commission Projections

Be job ready in 1.5 – 2 years

If you already hold a degree, you may be eligible to study our two-year Master of Teaching, or one of our accelerated 1.5-year degrees, which prepare graduates to enter the teaching profession with confidence and competence.

Every day is full of variety

In teaching, no two days are the same. Your students will have different questions, viewpoints and needs daily, and you will have the ability to add your own style and delivery to a curriculum constantly evolving based on the latest research and requirements.

Flexibility

Teaching is often seen as a great choice for parents or parents-to-be, with 10 weeks of holidays per year enabling those with school-aged children to spend plenty of time together. Teaching can also take you anywhere. You can move around the world for your work and experience the wonders of travelling.

You'll never stop learning

With ongoing professional development, you'll continue to learn and stay at the top of your game. Children and young people will constantly challenge and amaze you with their questions, and as the world changes you'll have the opportunity to review and incorporate new research and technology into your classes.

From the Construction Site to the Classroom – Meet Hugh Bengner

Master of Teaching (Primary) graduate Hugh Bengner was working as a concrete tester on a construction site when he decided he needed a career change. He now works at Victor Harbor High School and loves what he does.

“The job I was in would have provided me with a steady income but there was nothing in it that inspired me”, says Hugh. “It made me stop and think about what I really wanted to do and where my passions lay. I have always been interested in how and what people learn, and teaching seemed to be a natural choice. Having worked now in the industry I know teaching gives you the biggest free rein in terms of how you approach problems and problem solving. There’s this creative approach you get to take that you don’t find in many other industries.”

Once Hugh decided he wanted to become a teacher, choosing Flinders was an easy decision.

“The ethos at Flinders seemed right. Flinders had a long history of delivering progressive, professional training for teachers”, says Hugh. “I had also heard good things about the Master of Teaching program from a family friend who had made a career change.”



Flinders has helped shape Hugh into the teacher he is today and build valuable connections within the industry.

“It was going through Flinders that made me construct a philosophy of teaching well before I got into the classroom”, says Hugh. “That was really powerful, and I carry a lot of that today. My lecturers and tutors were so approachable, and a lot of those connections have continued years after I’ve left the University.”

Watch more about Hugh’s journey.



Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)

This program provides you with the understanding and skills necessary to enter the early childhood teaching profession with confidence and competence, preparing graduates to work with young children aged birth-to-eight years. You will gain knowledge of the importance of play, assessment and curriculum studies and theories of education, developing a deep understanding of early childhood pedagogy and practice. This program focuses on the varying approaches needed to work with babies, toddlers and young children across a range of Early Childhood settings.

You will undertake teaching practice which brings together learned theory and practice in early childhood settings (e.g. Early Childhood Services, kindergartens, preschool and a school-based placement in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2). One placement in a birth-5 setting and one placement in a school setting to develop a breadth of teaching experience.

SATAC code (Commonwealth supported place) 2CM088

2 years full-time

Prerequisites Yes*

Part-time available

* Applicants must hold a bachelor degree or equivalent qualification; and must normally have achieved a Flinders equivalent grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 or above for consideration.

- You will qualify to work with children in Birth-5 settings and early years of school settings.
- You will gain rich experience with 75 days of placement working in a range of birth-8 settings.
- Choose your own placement pathway to gain experience with children in birth-5 and school, in a way that follows your career aspirations.
- Understand and experience the complexity and joy of working with Australia’s youngest citizens.
- Upon successful completion (including Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education) you will be eligible to apply for registration as an early childhood teacher with the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia.

Career opportunities

Although the majority of education graduates go on to employment as educators in the public or private sector, some choose to follow other pathways.

Potential occupations include:

- early childhood teacher
- education officer (Australian Army)
- education support officer
- childcare educator
- in-home nanny
- out of school hours care (OSHC) educator/director
- language, literacy and numeracy teacher/assessor.

Potential employers include:

- early childhood services
- kindergartens
- preschools
- early learning centres
- junior primary schools
- OSHC
- government education departments
- government and private industry settings.



“Flinders has an extraordinary reputation in the education setting. The diversity of the topics in my degree has provided me with the skills and knowledge I need in the field.

What excites me most about my studies is the opportunity to go on placement and use the theories learnt from my tutors. They are not just theories, they are part of practical elements that I can transfer from theory to my future career.”

Tianyang Zhang

Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)

Master of Teaching (Primary)

Graduates who wish to teach at the primary school level can undertake a Master of Teaching (Primary). Both the 1.5 year accelerated course and the 2-year equivalent provide you with the background necessary to apply for registration as a teacher and includes a rigorous course of education and professional studies integrated with professional practice. Graduates will understand the world from multiple viewpoints and possess the relational sensitivity, competency and imagination to evaluate and adapt to rapid changes in contemporary society.

SATAC code (Commonwealth Supported place)	2CM116	2 years full-time
Prerequisites	Yes*	Part-time available

Accelerated course

SATAC code (Commonwealth Supported place)	2CM291	1.5 years full-time
Prerequisites	Yes*	Part-time available

* Applicants must hold a bachelor degree or equivalent qualification; and must normally have achieved a Flinders equivalent grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 or above for consideration.

- Learn to create supportive, safe and enriching learning environments and make a positive difference in the lives of students.
- Integrate your knowledge and skills with professional experience placements in primary schools.
- Develop expertise and confidence to teach innovative STEM education.
- Upon successful completion (including Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education) you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia.

Career opportunities

Although the majority of graduates seek employment as teachers in the public or private sector, some follow other pathways.

Potential occupations include:

- education officer (Australian Army)
- primary teacher
- literacy/numeracy teacher/leader
- tutor
- graduate administrative officer
- out of school hours care (OSHC) director.

Potential employers include:

- government, Catholic or independent schools
- private industry settings.

Master of Teaching (Secondary)

The Master of Teaching (Secondary) is offered to graduates who wish to teach years 7-12 in secondary schools. The course provides you with the background necessary to apply for registration as a secondary teacher. Topics covered during the both 1.5 years accelerated degree and the 2-year equivalent include specialist curriculum studies, professional experience and several topics devoted to issues in education.

SATAC code	2CM090	2 years full-time
Prerequisites	Yes*	Part-time available

Accelerated course

SATAC code (Commonwealth Supported place)	2CM289	1.5 years full-time
Prerequisites	Yes*	Part-time available

* Applicants must hold an approved undergraduate bachelor degree or equivalent qualification and must have completed topics that enable them to teach in South Australia to Year 12 in at least one subject specialisation and to Year 10 in a second subject specialisation offered by the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work. Applicants must normally have achieved a Flinders equivalent grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 or above for consideration.

- You'll gain the knowledge and skills required to start a career as a teacher in secondary school.
- You'll graduate work-ready, with teaching placements in secondary schools where you can learn practical skills, put theory into practice and develop important relationships with students, parents and colleagues.
- Upon successful completion (including Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education) you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia.

Career opportunities

Although the majority of education graduates go on to employment as educators in the public or private sector, some choose to follow other pathways.

Potential occupations include:

- secondary teacher
- education officer (Australian Army)
- graduate administrative officer
- youth and children's support officer
- tutor
- student support officer (SSO).

Potential employers include:

- government, Catholic or independent schools
- private industry settings.



“My degree at Flinders not only showed me how to use my mathematics knowledge for the new generation but also showed me a number of other technological applications and better pedagogies to teach mathematics successfully. I am confident to say that the knowledge I’ve gained through this degree can be used anywhere around the world to teach mathematics and physics.

“I am very happy about choosing Flinders University mainly because it had a clear pathway for me. These clear pathways make Flinders stand out from other universities. The lovely teaching team always cared for me whenever I needed help with enrolling and with other enquiries. This made my life at Flinders very happy and made studying here one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

Upulitha Kularatne

Master of Teaching (Secondary)

Master of Teaching (Secondary) - Physical Education

The Master of Teaching (Secondary) – Physical Education not only offers exceptional training for future health and physical educators in school settings, but also responds to demand for highly trained educators from the sports, recreation and outdoor education industries. From the first day of study, our students are immersed in practical activities and micro-teaching situations exploring the application of teaching theory in practice. The program works closely with schools and relevant organisations to ensure the most relevant and rigorous experiences, so graduates are indeed ‘classroom ready’.

SATAC code	2CM227	2 years full-time
Prerequisites	Yes*	Part-time available

Accelerated course

SATAC code (Commonwealth Supported place)	2CM290	1.5 years full-time
Prerequisites	Yes*	Part-time available

* Applicants must hold an approved undergraduate bachelor degree or equivalent qualification and must have completed topics that enable them to teach in South Australia to Year 12 in at least one subject specialisation and to Year 10 in a second subject specialisation offered by the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work. Applicants must normally have achieved a Flinders equivalent grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 or above for consideration. One of these specialisations must be Physical Education.

- Students will major in physical education or health education, minor in the other, and be able to elect a second minor to increase employment opportunities.
- You can undertake professional experience placements in secondary schools where you can learn practical skills and put theory into practice.
- Your placements will help you to develop and consolidate your teaching knowledge and skills in order to meet the necessary national standards for registration as a teacher.
- You'll be taught vital interpersonal skills that will help you form cooperative and effective professional relationships with students, staff and parents.
- Upon successful completion (including Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education) you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia.

Career opportunities

Although the majority of education graduates go on to employment as teachers in the public or private sector, some choose to follow other pathways.

Potential occupations include:

- education officer (Australian Army)
- secondary teacher
- graduate administrative officer
- sports coach
- educational officer within a sporting or recreational organisation.

Potential employers include:

- government, Catholic or independent schools
- private industry settings.

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