



Grow Your Own Teacher Training Program

The School of Education at Western Sydney University is excited to be partnering with Charles Sturt University and the Department of Education to support School Learning Support Officers (SLSO's) on their journey to becoming a teacher!

Western Sydney University provides a suite of pathways that lead to the attainment of a teaching qualification. Western offers the diversity of on-campus, online and hybrid pathway options to SLSO Teacher Training Program participants. These are designed to ensure that students can commence their tertiary studies at the point that best suits their aspirations and match their current capacities and experiences with tertiary study.

These pathways are well supported at both the University and School level. Specialist Directors of Academic Programs and Academic Program Advisors provide one-on-one advice to prospective students to ensure that they select the pathway best suited to them, and support students to accommodate the work-study-life balance they seek while completing their tertiary studies.

A community of practice will be established where the participants will share experiences, goals, and interests. This community of practice will provide opportunities to build networks and work with a group from program beginning to end; supporting, challenging, and learning from one another and being invested in each other's success.



These programs are well established and include options in collaboration with The College at Western (for students new to tertiary study) and with the Schools of Science, Business, Health Sciences, and Humanities and Communication Arts, which provide the discipline-based knowledge for a pathway to Secondary teaching and also a pathway to Primary Teaching.

In addition, the School of Education offers two undergraduate degrees in Primary education - including the long standing (35 years) Bachelor of Education (Primary) - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, which provides a specialist Primary Teaching qualification for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. All teacher education programs have current accreditation with NESAs.





Identify Your Pathway

I am working as a SLSO with an undergraduate degree

Next Steps

Apply for a Master of Teaching (Secondary) or Master of Teaching (Primary) program. These pathways offer options for accelerated study patterns and recognition of prior learning for work experience.

Course Options

- [Master of Teaching \(Primary\)](#)
- [Master of Teaching \(Secondary\)](#)

Who can I contact if I have any questions?
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I am working as a SLSO with some prior study, such as a Diploma or relevant Certificate III or IV

Apply for direct entry into an undergraduate pathway or Bachelor of Education program. SLSO's could receive a minimum of 40 credit points (equivalent to one semester of full-time study) depending on the undergraduate pathway program (Primary or Secondary) that was selected. SLSO's could also be eligible for additional advanced standing of between 20 – 40 credit points in recognition of their prior work experience. Further recognition of prior learning could be negotiated; this will be dependent on other educational qualifications and experience that SLSOs might bring to the program.

- [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts \(Pathway to Teaching Primary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts \(Pathway to Teaching Secondary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Business \(Pathway to Teaching Secondary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Graphic Design \(Pathway to Teaching Secondary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Health & Physical Education \(Pathway to Teaching Secondary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Science \(Primary/Secondary\)](#)

I am working as a SLSO but I have not completed any further study since school.

Option 1 – Complete the Special Tertiary Admission Test which would provide direct entry into either a Pathway to Teaching undergraduate degree followed by completion of a relevant Master of Teaching Program, OR entry into the Bachelor of Education (Primary).

Option 2 – Complete foundational subjects at Western's College which then articulates with either a Pathway to Teaching undergraduate degree followed by completion of a relevant Master of Teaching Program, OR entry into the Bachelor of Education (Primary).

- [The College](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts \(Pathway to Teaching Primary\)](#)
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