**Program:** Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary)

**What are the entrance requirements?**

A completed Australian three-year Bachelor degree or equivalent.
All applicants must also complete and submit a VTAC Personal History form. Further details can be obtained from [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

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WWC Check: Successful applicants will be required to complete a Working With Children Check prior to commencing the course.

**How do I apply for this program of study?**

Lodge an application with VTAC, listing this program on your preference list. An application fee applies.

**How many students are accepted into the program?**

Approximately 100 effective full-time students commencing in 2013.

**What is considered evidence of academic ability?**

Academic grades are considered from past Degree results and the Grade Point Average (GPA) of your previous degree.

The GPA is assessed by the VTAC system and ranges from 0 – 7. GPAs are worked out on the grades received by each individual e.g. someone with straight HDs would be in the higher range and someone with HDs and Distinctions would be on the next level and so on.

In the past few years the selection of students has been within the GPA range of 5.8. This range could vary from year to year depending on the applications received.

**If I do not gain a place in the first round of offers, am I still eligible to be considered for a place?**

Yes, prospective students who have submitted complete applications are eligible in the two Post-Graduate rounds as long as the application was lodged by the 9th November, 2012.

**Can I submit documents after I have sent my application?**

Yes, only to VTAC and only if it pertains to something already mentioned in the application. Please include your name and application number on any documents submitted to VTAC.

**Can I make an appointment to talk with the Selection Officer about my particular circumstances?**

No, it would be unfair to grant some prospective students an interview.

**If I am unsuccessful this year in gaining a place may I apply again?**

Yes, and do remind us that you have applied before and what you have done to improve your application on your Personal History form.

**How can I improve my chances of gaining a place?**

Make sure there is clear evidence of your academic ability and support your application by providing the information requested.

**What are my chances of gaining a place?**

This is an impossible question to answer. The demand for Teacher Education is high. In 2012 we had over 1600 applications for 100 places.

**How much does the course cost?**

Full-fee paying local students can expect to pay approx $12 960.
Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) students can expect to pay approx $5 442.
Please be advised that the above fees are for 2012 and may change in 2013.
International Students can expect to pay approximately $20 160 in 2013.
A student amenities fee of $263 (2012) is payable at the start of the year and can be attributed to your HECS-HELP.

**Can I defer my place?**

It is RMIT policy that all students are able to defer their studies for a maximum of 12 months. Six month deferment may be possible if places are available at mid-year.
Will I be able to work and still undertake a full time program? It is possible, but the demands of the program are great both at university and outside university and you will need to consider your university timetable before arranging work commitments. University course work should be your primary consideration.

Can you tell me what credits or RPL I will receive for my previous Degree before I make an application for the program? Exemptions will be considered on enrolment by the Academic Progress Co-ordinator and confirmed by 31 March 2012. You need to apply for credit after receiving a place. RMIT requires that at least 50% of your program be undertaken at RMIT.

How many contact hours per week are there? Full time students are expected to attend 12 hours of classes per week and undertake approximately 36 hours of extra study and research weekly. There are often concentrated periods of out of class work when assessments are due.

Additionally, students undertake 60 days of Professional Practice Placement throughout the Program; 3 X 3 week blocks and 15 single days.

How many students are in a class? Generally 25-32 students.

Are evening classes available? Classes are generally scheduled between 8.30am – 5.30pm depending on courses, classes are delivered Face-to-Face on Bundoora West Campus and there is no on-line delivery in this program. Flexible arrangements for intensives may be held during evenings and Saturday classes for some courses.

Can I complete a specialization in LOTE? This may be possible but often students need to complete additional courses as you must have completed two years at university level of the language you wish to teach, or have completed the test of a native speaker of the language. In addition, you need to complete LOTE Method A and B and a Professional Practicum in a workplace setting teaching the language.

Can I become a TESOL teacher (Teaching English to speakers of other languages)? You must complete specialist English courses and TESOL Method A and B as well as complete a Professional Practicum teaching English to speakers of other languages. Therefore, this will mean completing at least two extra courses.

Can I select my own courses? No – You have 8 core courses to complete and 3 core Professional Practice Placements of 60 days

How many days of Professional Practice are there in the program? 60 days of Professional Practice Placements. 20 Days in each Placement comprised of 5 single days and a 3 week block. Students are required to complete a 3 week block in each placement. The first and second placements are arranged by the University. The third placement is selected by the student.

Do I need my own computer or any other special equipment? It is encouraged that students have access to a computer with internet facility to receive and send communication via email and to research and complete assessment tasks. The School of Education and the library also provide access to computers with internet to assist your learning and assessment.

Do you have an Honours Year? No, but it is possible to graduate with distinction.

What are the pathways for this program? This program can lead to Masters and Doctoral studies.

Can I study overseas as part of this program? Study tours, exchange and internships are possible and can be negotiated for part of your program.

What support is there for students with disabilities? The Disability Liaison Unit provides services to students with disabilities studying at RMIT University.

I am a Permanent Resident and have completed my studies overseas – will my overseas qualifications be accepted? Applicants with overseas Year 12 (or equivalent) qualifications must apply to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority to have them assessed for Australian equivalency. For further information please visit the VCAA web site at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

Applicants with overseas tertiary qualifications must apply to the Overseas Qualifications Unit (OQU) to have them assessed for Australian equivalency. For more information visit the OQU web site at www.employment.vic.gov.au or telephone 1800 042 745. Please note the assessment of your qualification may take up to 4 weeks.

VTAC applicant’s degrees can be assessed through VTAC. See www.vtac.edu.au for more information.
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<td>Yes – if you want to register with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) you will need to sit an IELTS test. To register with VIT you need to score 7.5 overall, score 8 in Speaking and Listening, with no band less than 7.</td>
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<td>The Graduate Diploma of Education (Primary) is offered at the Bundoora West Campus.</td>
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<td>Do you have any campuses in other states of Australia?</td>
<td>No – RMIT University’s campuses are located in Melbourne and the School of Education is on the Bundoora West Campus. RMIT also has a campus in Vietnam.</td>
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<td>Is there a shuttle bus service to the Bundoora West Campus?</td>
<td>No – Students have to organise their own transport to the University.</td>
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<td>I am currently doing the Graduate Diploma of Education (Primary) at another University. Would I get entry into the program over the other applicants as I am already studying in the program?</td>
<td>There is no guarantee of an assured entry into the program. All applicants have to apply through the VTAC process and will meet the same selection process as every other applicant, based on your GPA and personal history.</td>
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<td>What is the future of this program? How does it relate to the Master of Teaching?</td>
<td>In 2014 RMIT School of Education will introduce the new Master of Teaching (MTP) program. This will be a 2 year graduate entry program that will meet the new national teaching and program accreditation standards. The MTP program will have options to study for primary or secondary teaching. The School of Education will also continue to deliver the Graduate Diploma of Education programs in primary and secondary teaching in 2014. This will be the last intake of students into the Graduate Diploma programs.</td>
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