Special Education – Distance Programs

Macquarie University Special Education Centre (MUSEC), the Centre for Research and Teaching in Special Education, has a national and international reputation for the quality of its research, its excellence in postgraduate teaching and its contribution to program development in the area of Special Education.

The Centre currently offers 6 postgraduate programs via distance mode:

- **Master of Special Education**
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Special Education**
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Special Education (Learning Difficulties)**
  This course has been designed to assist teachers and clinicians who are working with students with learning difficulties. The approach taken is non-categorical, the emphasis being on the literacy and/or numeracy problems encountered by students and not the underlying aetiology.
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Special Education (High Support Needs)**
  The Postgraduate Certificate in Special Education (High Support Needs) provides professional training for individuals working with students with intellectual or other developmental disabilities.
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Special Education (Behaviour Problems)**
  This Certificate provides a substantive non-categorical rationale for the management of behaviour. The program is designed to introduce students to a wide range of research-based practice in behaviour management and to assist students to develop a research-based approach to the day-to-day management of behaviour.
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods (ACES)**
  The aim of this certificate is to prepare students for research in Special Education. It is an essential prerequisite for students who wish to study for a postgraduate degree by research thesis at MUSEC but is available to anyone who is keen to learn the basics of research in Special Education.

In developing its distance offerings, MUSEC staff have been committed to providing the same levels of rigour, quality and student support as are available in on-campus offerings. To this end, a combination of interactive video and internet technologies have been developed to provide the flexibility of distance learning without the disadvantages associated with many traditional distance programs.

Internal and distance versions of units run in parallel, so you have a large number of other motivated students with whom you can share experience and knowledge. You will be provided with extremely high quality learning materials and extensive personalised support in your studies.

What do other students say about MUSEC distance units?

*The online video presentation was a great help. Flexibility in hours of access and access to other peoples thoughts and ideas... especially examples of concepts.*

*Being able to ask questions when the work was fresh and having the answers very quickly via the bulletin board. That I could complete the material from home but had the opportunity to ask questions if needed.*

*Administrative queries were resolved. Questions about application exercises were answered. If you didn’t understand something you could ask a question instead of struggling. Reading lots of answers and your feedback gave a good indication of the precise meaning of a topic.*

Useful websites

Further information about Macquarie University Special Education Centre: [www.musec.mq.edu.au/home.aspx](http://www.musec.mq.edu.au/home.aspx)

Application information for international students: [www.international.mq.edu.au/study/transnational_distance](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/study/transnational_distance)

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