Master of Education
Build your career in faith-based leadership

● 100% online, no on-campus commitments
● Learn from accomplished academics
● Practical, skills-based learning
● Faith-based postgraduate qualification
In this changing educational climate, professional educators understand that a Master of Education degree is the key to advancing their career. Excelsia College Online’s course is designed specifically for educators who want to develop and enrich their teaching practice as highly accomplished or lead teachers. By combining first rate academics with an online schedule that fits your already busy life, we will help you advance your professional career in as little as 16 months part-time.

Excelsia’s online Master of Education (MEd) program positions educators to pursue leadership roles, while providing the theoretical, empirical and professional skills they need to move into roles such as Curriculum Leader, Department Head or Principal.

A specialisation in either Curriculum and Learning will help you reach your goals, whether you aim to pursue educational research through a Ph.D., improve your skills in the classroom or leverage your influence as an ethical, Christian leader in your school or organisation.

Take the next step in advancing your career and enjoy the benefits of this enriching online postgraduate degree.
Excelsia welcomes students from all walks of life and with various beliefs. We produce graduates who are not only well equipped to become the brightest leaders of tomorrow, but are also grounded in a Christian-based approach to education.

We offer six study periods per year, meaning you can start at almost any time. With Excelsia College Online, there’s no waiting around for mid-year intakes or traditional semester start dates. You will study one unit at a time, which gives you the best results while graduating after as little as 16 months.

Our MEd is competitively priced and eligible for FEE-HELP. In addition, you might qualify for advanced standing if you have undertaken previous education-related postgraduate studies or have relevant professional experience.

Studying with Excelsia College Online gives you a valuable and diverse professional network of tutors, peers and a dedicated Student Success Advisor who will provide you with new insights, support and knowledge exchange throughout your entire journey. Connectedness plays a strong role in our MEd and is something we foster at Excelsia.
About Excelsia College Online

At Excelsia College Online, we offer world-class degrees grounded in a faith-based environment. Our courses prepare students for ethical leadership, as well as equipping graduates with the tools and knowledge to achieve career goals.

Excelsia College (formerly Wesley Institute) has been offering a high standard of tertiary education since 1983. We partner with Indiana Wesleyan University, which is a pioneer in online education in the US and has more than 95 years of experience in Christian-based education and learning.

With a state-of-the-art campus based in Sydney, we are passionate about nurturing our students to grow academically and spiritually throughout their studies, combining the highest quality of education and leadership learning with strong ethical values.

Our MEd course is aligned with AITSL standards, and each unit approaches its subject both theoretically and practically. We enable our students to think innovatively and to meet complex issues confidently through the integration of theory, practice and reflection. Our students graduate with critical skills such as conducting and evaluating research, developing innovative and rigorous curriculum, applying a biblical worldview in the classroom, and leading both students and fellow educators with confidence.

We foster a collaborative atmosphere that provides students with a firm foundation, both personally and professionally. The connected network of professionals undertaking our courses share ideas and engage in discussions that encourage individual learning and faith-based reflection in the workplace and at home.
Excelsia College’s online Master of Education stands out from other MEd degrees because it produces a different kind of graduate. While this course provides professional educators with the practical and theoretical knowledge they need to pursue their chosen career path, Excelsia is truly set apart by its emphasis on creating ethical leaders through faith-based learning. Our innovative online delivery enables you to complete work at a time and place that is conducive to your learning style, and in a way that fits around your family, teaching and other commitments.

**Course summary**

- **Study periods (entry points):** January, March, May, July, September and October
- **Units:** 8
- **Duration:** 16 months part-time
- **Cost per unit:** $1850

All students complete six core units, including two research units, and two specialisation units in either Leadership or Curriculum.

### Core units (PART A)
- Philosophy of Christian Education
- The Teacher Leader in a Professional Learning Community
- Curriculum Leadership for Rigour and Relevanceship
- The Biblical Metanarrative Applied to Education

### One of the following specialisations (PART B)
- Curriculum:
  - Leading Classroom Pedagogies
  - Leading Data-Based Change Management

- Leadership:
  - Effective Leadership and Management
  - Creativity and Innovation for Leadership

### Compulsory research units (PART C)
- Research Methods
- Applied Education Research Project
Unit descriptions

Philosophy of Christian Education
Explore the concept of worldview and the ways in which worldviews influence every facet of education. Students will consider the biblical worldview and examine its impact on teaching in both religious and non-religious schools in Australia.

The Teacher Leader in a Professional Learning Community
Understand the way in which Lave & Wenger’s classic theory of community plays out in a professional learning community in which all members engage, imagine and support in the pursuit of knowledge. With the recognition that learning cultures are context-specific and constantly changing and growing, students will reflect on ways to apply theories to current work or school environments.

Curriculum Leadership for Rigour and Relevance
Critically analyse the role of Christian educators as rigorous and accountable curriculum deliverers who teach from a Christian worldview perspective. In light of the Australian curriculum and the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (2008), consider how the values set forth in these documents relate to the development of accountable, transparent curriculums in specific educational contexts, including Christian schools.

The Biblical Metanarrative Applied to Education
Learn to apply biblical truth to pressing educational issues and hone a personal philosophy of education. As they learn to better read, reflect on and interpret scripture, students gain a solid grasp of the overarching narrative and themes of the Bible which are essential to effective Christian educational leadership.

Leading Classroom Pedagogies
Study and critique a range of pedagogical approaches for learning and best practice. Students evaluate their personal pedagogies and are encouraged to consider how their Christian faith influences their perspective. Digital and multimedia pedagogies, direct instruction and enquiry learning theories are discussed in depth.

Leading Data-Based Change Management
Examine and critique decision making practices based on data and research in the context of a Christian definition of student outcomes. Students are taught to use care and wisdom as they interpret research and evaluate current Australian data collection practices, acknowledging both the limitations and value of data-based decision making.
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Effective Leadership and Management
Learn to apply a Christian worldview to leadership and management principles while developing a personal metaphor and mode of leadership. Students explore both the theory of successful leadership and historical examples, as well as sustainable leadership practices, ethics, management principles, spiritual leadership, gender, emotions and other topics which must be understood in order to be an effective Christian leader.

Creativity and Innovation for Leadership
Appreciate the incredible influence a creative Christian leader can have in curriculum development, strategic planning, management, school cultures and pedagogical approaches. While studying models and theories of creativity and innovation, students learn to apply what they learn personally and to encourage others in their learning communities to value innovation.

Research Methods
Evaluate and learn to conduct informed research in the social sciences. Philosophical and theoretical approaches to research are coupled with practical research skills and an opportunity to design a research report. Research skills prepare students for lifelong learning and future success in postgraduate study, and are a valuable and influential tool as they engage with their learning communities as teacher leaders.

Applied Education Research Project
Building on the foundation of the Research Methods unit and working with a Research Supervisor, students conduct a self-led research project exploring a “real world” problem in the field of education. Students identify and investigate their chosen topic, design and conduct professional research, and report their findings in a final seminar.
Entry criteria
To apply for the Master of Education at Excelsia College Online, all applicants must meet the following requirements:
1) Four year Bachelor of Education or equivalent qualification, and either:
   a) the completion of postgraduate studies
   b) professional experience equivalent to one year full-time in a field considered by the Faculty to be appropriate to the program of study; or
2) a bachelor’s degree and either the Bachelor of Teaching, Master of Teaching or Graduate Diploma in Education or equivalent qualification.

Applicants whose qualifying undergraduate studies were taken in a language other than English will be required to demonstrate English proficiency equivalent to the IELTS Academic minimum overall result of 6.5 with no band score below 6.0.

Fees
Excelsia College Online offers one of the most competitively priced MEds in Australia. Our highly regarded academics deliver accredited coursework in an innovative and accessible online environment. At just $1850 per unit, it offers tremendous value for money.

FEE-HELP* is also available from the Australian Government for eligible students. A FEE-HELP loan could pay for some or all of your unit fees, which you then pay back via tax once your income reaches the threshold.

*Australian citizens and holders of a Permanent Humanitarian Visa who are residing within Australia are eligible to access the FEE-HELP loan scheme.

International Students
Fees for international students are the same as the fees for local Australian-based students. The online delivery method means you can study from anywhere in the world, however, admission to the course does not qualify international students for a Student Visa to live and/or work in Australia.

Advanced standing
If you have a relevant degree whereby you have studied postgraduate education units previously, you may be eligible for advanced standing for MEd core units. This may decrease the cost of your degree and enable you to graduate sooner. Call us on 1300 917 916 to find out if you qualify.

How to apply
Contact a dedicated Student Enrolment Advisor to discuss your study goals, then follow our simple three-step application process to start your study journey.

Have any additional questions?
Get in touch with one of our expert Student Enrolment Advisors.

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