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Teacher education goes online in Tasmania

The University of Tasmania's Faculty of Education has changed its pre-service teaching degrees for students enrolling in 2010.

The Faculty has reviewed and developed the new program offerings over the past two years to bring them into line with the changing Teacher Accreditation requirements.

The changes include providing more pre-service education degrees fully on-line making them more accessible to people who find it difficult to attend scheduled classes on campus.

From 2010 the courses available fully online are:

- * Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- * Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)
- * Master of Teaching (Primary or Secondary)

To support online study the UTAS library provides a Flexible Library Service giving students living more than 40km away from the Launceston or Hobart campus access and support to find and obtain relevant books and articles.

Besides the focus on online teaching, the Faculty still maintains a strong campus presence with lecturers and facilities accessible in Launceston, Hobart and at the Cradle Coast campus in Burnie.

Of special mention are the options to study on-campus in Launceston to become a specialist secondary teacher in either Health and Physical Education or Design and Technology (Textile Design, Food Studies, Nutrition, Computer Aided Design, and Wood & Metal Design). Alternatively, students can combine Health and Physical Education with a second teaching area such as Design & Technology, Outdoor Education or Health Science.

Another notable change is the rename and redesign of the Bachelor of Teaching to a Master of Teaching. This renaming aligns with the preferred naming convention proposed in the Bologna Joint Declaration 1999 and with similar programs offered in other universities across Australia. This graduate entry degree enables students with bachelor degrees from a variety of disciplines to become teachers.

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