

Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education





Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Experience immersive and career-focused online learning
 - Expand your career opportunities
 - Dedicated student support
- Connect with professional networks
- Balance work and family commitments

ACCESS EXPERTISE

Join supportive learning environments with access to JCU's leading lecturers. Learn in small classes and connect with experts in clinical practice, health education and health promotion.

MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION

Have a positive impact. Working in tropical, Indigenous, metropolitan, rural and remote areas, JCU graduates gain skills in cultural competency and appropriateness in providing diabetes care, and are valued health professionals in their communities.

STRONG NETWORKS

Build professional networks through collaborative learning. JCU graduates have a comprehensive understanding of health care, and are eligible for accreditation with the Australian Diabetes Educators Association.

READY TODAY FOR TOMORROW

Expand employability opportunities. A focus on developing professional skills produces graduates who are highly regarded for their insight and knowledge. JCU Health is independently rated #1 in Queensland for full-time employment outcomes and median graduate salary*.

* 2024 Good Universities Guide, PG Health Services and Support



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✔ Diabetes is responsible for an enormous public health and social burden, and is one of the top 10 causes of death globally. Diabetes Educators (DEs) are one of the key health professionals in the multi-disciplinary team required to manage diabetes as well as contribute toward prevention efforts.

✔ The course is offered online, with participation in 40 hours of prescribed clinical placement and 20 hours of professional practice exposure at the student's preferred facility. Graduates will be eligible to gain accreditation with the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA).

✔ Successful applicants require Hepatitis B immunisation, current Queensland First Aid and CPR certificates plus a Suitability to Work with Children (Blue Card) and an Australian Federal Police check before undertaking placement.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Online
Start Dates:	May
Duration:	8 months part-time
Prerequisites:	AQF Level 7 bachelor degree or equivalent in clinical-based health, allied health or relevant field; and at least 12 months post-graduation experience in that field.

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

Ready today for tomorrow

JCU's Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education is for medical professionals, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists, dieticians and other allied health professionals who want to make a positive difference to communities, families and individuals living with diabetes.

Diabetes is the fastest growing chronic disease in world. Australians are being diagnosed with diabetes at a rate of one new case every five minutes, or 280 new cases a day. With around 1.7 million Australians living with types 1 or 2 diabetes, all health and medical professionals could benefit both their patients and careers by learning more about the disease, its management and prevention.

The Graduate Certificate of Diabetes Education is flexible and designed so you can balance study with your work and life. It can be completed in eight months, or over a longer period, delivered through online learning. The course has four core subjects: Health Education and Self-Management; Foundations of Clinical Diabetes; Applied Clinical Diabetes Education; and Diabetes Education Professional Practice. You will have opportunities to apply and advance your knowledge during clinical placement alongside leading industry professionals.

The course includes 40 hours of clinical placement and 20 hours of professional development. Students learn about the disease itself as well as gaining skills needed to provide safe, effective, client-centred care and education to individuals, and to support the public health and education of communities and people living with or at risk of diabetes.



“After working as a registered nurse for the previous ten years, I wanted to return to university as a postgraduate specialising in diabetes. Balancing a career and two small children at home, the Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education with JCU has been an easy transition back to university. My course work is available online, and through the use of the JCU portal, I can collaborate with my lecturer and fellow students at any point.”

Katherine Hawkins

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF DIABETES EDUCATION



“One of the key features of our course is a focus on the global incidence of diabetes providing you with opportunities to engage with classmates from all around Australia. We partner with you to build a strong foundation of knowledge to enable you to assist those in the community with a diabetes related condition.”

Shannon Sheehan

LECTURER, DIABETES EDUCATION

Career Opportunities

JCU Diabetes Education graduates have specialised skills and are employed in a variety of rural, remote, and urban health settings.

Graduates pursue careers in private and public hospitals, rural and remote health clinics, education settings, and public health.

You could find employment as a diabetes educator. This course is a pathway to gain accreditation as a diabetes educator with the Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA).





Postgraduate coursework applications

Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using the [Online Application Portal](#).

Your application must reach us before the deadline for your course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate courses will usually require completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree for entry. You'll need to include certified copies of qualifications and academic records with your application. For some programs, appropriate work experience or equivalent qualifications will be considered.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more, call 1800 246 446 or contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#).

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