

Teacher Education

Centre of
Excellence

Benowa (BTECE)

BACKGROUND

The Benowa Teacher Education Centre of Excellence (BTECE) offers a unique opportunity for talented and experienced science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professionals to kick-start a teaching career with the Department of Education Training.

It is one of five Centres of Excellence established in Queensland state schools through the Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership, a joint partnership between the Queensland and Australian Governments which is driving reforms to improve the quality of teaching in all schools.

PURPOSE

The centre provides preservice teachers with an opportunity to develop effective teaching skills, focusing on STEM-related disciplines from Year 4 to high school. The centre aims to develop high-calibre teachers to enter the modern classrooms of Queensland state schools.

HOW WE OPERATE

The centre operates as a partnership between Benowa State High School, Benowa State School and Griffith University.

Successful graduates are awarded a postgraduate teaching qualification from Griffith University and are prioritised for permanent employment across South East Queensland.

Participants are selected from a pool of experienced and passionate science and mathematics professionals, with the aim of increasing the supply of high quality STEM teachers for Queensland state schools.

Graduates will be supported to be 'classroom-ready' upon completing the centre's innovative school-based program which equips them with the skills and knowledge required of contemporary teachers.



Each participant is supported throughout the program by a dedicated and trained teacher mentor who has been recognised as an expert in their field.

The centre's Head of Mentoring provides ongoing support for preservice teachers and mentors.

Working alongside Griffith University, the Head of Mentoring coordinates school-based experiences for preservice teachers which foster teaching and learning skills that will ensure student engagement and improved learning outcomes, and the integration of 21st century learning in classroom environments.

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ATTENTION

Maths and Science graduates!

Considering a change to teaching?

Then consider this **5-point formula** for **priority permanent employment** as a teacher.

1. **Enrol** in Griffith's Graduate Diploma of Education-Primary or Secondary
2. **Undergo** your induction/practicum program through the Benowa Teacher Education Centre of Excellence (BTECE).
3. **Complete** the centre's innovative school-based program and be well-equipped with the skills and knowledge required of contemporary teachers.
4. **Graduate** with your Griffith postgraduate teaching qualification.
5. **Get priority** for permanent employment with the Department of Education and Training, and kick start your teaching career!

See over for details

Entry in to the STEM program requires a QTAC application and an interview.

1. You must have an undergraduate degree in which studies in the fields of Maths and/or the Sciences (eg Chemistry and Physics) are clearly present.
 - One area as a main teaching area (at least 6 courses contributing content to one specific discipline area).
 - A second teaching area (must have minimum of 4 semester courses for content in that discipline area).
2. Apply for the Graduate Diploma of Education - Primary or Secondary - through QTAC by the end of October.
3. Your application will be assessed by the Griffith University Program Convenor
4. You will be invited by the Head of Mentoring to an interview with the BTECE.
5. If you do not receive a BTECE offer, you are still able to accept the Griffith offer through QTAC and will complete the Graduate Diploma of Education – Primary or Secondary) through the standard Griffith University program.