

Restart Teaching program

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the program take to complete?

The restart teaching program is a 20-hour program which is divided into 4 modules. Modules 1 and 2 are self-paced over a 6-week period, and must be completed within the allocated timeframe before starting modules 3 and 4. Modules 3 and 4 are fully facilitated over a 7-week period. During modules 3 and 4, you will work with an experienced facilitator to complete the program. Each facilitator is a qualified teacher currently working in a Queensland state school.

Can I complete the program at any time?

No, you can only complete the program during the scheduled program dates.

Does the program run over the school holiday periods?

No course work is set over the school holiday periods. All course work is scheduled during the school term.

How many cohorts complete the program each year?

Generally, the program runs twice per year. The first cohort completes the program throughout Semester 1 and the second cohort completes the program throughout Semester 2. Where there are insufficient registration numbers or unforeseen circumstances occur, the department reserves the right to cancel and reschedule programs.

Is the program fully online or am I required to participate in face-to-face learning as well?

This program is facilitated virtually and you do not need to attend any face-to-face sessions. 2 online web conferences are offered during the facilitated period of the program. All participants are supported to set up their computer and access the web conferences once the program begins. Both web conferences are also recorded for participants who cannot attend the live sessions.

Is the program suitable if I haven't yet returned to the classroom, but wish to do so within the next 12 months?

Yes, the program is set up to cater for both the teacher who has returned to the classroom, as well as the teacher who has not yet recommenced teaching.

Do I have to be IT savvy or have experience in completing courses online to complete the program?

No, support (including help sheets and facilitator contact) is offered to ensure you can successfully access the online course and participate in the program. It is advisable, however, that participants should at least have basic computer and internet skills. Assistance to ensure online support materials can be accessed is provided.

Please note: To participate in the program, you must have a computer with internet access and word processing software (Microsoft Word or equivalent). The program is not designed to be completed on a tablet.

During the facilitated session, can I finish course work ahead of time?

Yes, a weekly guide will outline specific tasks to complete each week. However, you are more than welcome to complete more course work than suggested if your study schedule allows for this.

If I complete the Restart Teaching program, do I still have to complete mandatory training such as Mandatory All-Staff Training (MAST), Student Protection and Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) when I return to school?

Yes. While the program does touch on some content contained within Mandatory All-Staff Training (MAST), Student Protection and Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) training, you will still need to complete the required mandatory annual training.

Can I apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)?

No, RPL is not available for this program.

I have not taught in a classroom since I obtained my teaching qualifications. Can I participate in the program?

Provided you have registered with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT), you will be able to participate in the program. The program is suitable for teachers who have never taught in a classroom and for teachers returning after a period of absence.

I want to work as a teacher in a specialised field such as music, art, health and physical education or special education. Is the program right for me?

Yes. The program caters for teachers of all year levels as well as teachers in specialised fields such as music, art, health and physical education, and special education. The module work can be adjusted to suit your particular teaching requirements.