Graduate Diploma of Leadership
(Vocational Education and Training (VET) Sector)

Driven by change, developed by industry
The Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector) online program is a contemporary leadership course designed to help you develop a new set of knowledge, skills and capabilities to lead and manage in emerging and complex contexts. In response to current research in this area, the critical focus of this course is to build individual and organisational capabilities for transformational and strategic leadership.

Tertiary education faces increasing pressures for change including growing competition, commercialisation, diverse and geographically distant student cohorts, changes in funding models, government scrutiny, rapidly developing technologies and increasing expectations in terms of value, quality and service.

The one year full-time and two year part-time Graduate Diploma of Leadership [VET Sector] will provide high level academic and practice-based development for new and existing vocational education and training [VET] practitioners to become leaders in their profession.

The Graduate Certificate in Leadership is an exit point requiring six months full-time study or one year part-time study and is a program of study specifically about the leadership discipline. Graduates of the program will be equipped with the knowledge to be able to work in a range of leadership and management leadership roles.

Flexible online delivery means that you can study at home from anywhere in Australia.

“In today’s challenging and competitive tertiary environment, strong leadership capability has never been more important for registered training organisations. Our sector needs visionary leaders – leaders who are focused on results and can transform their organisations into customer focused and successful businesses. I encourage you to explore this exciting new leadership program and discover how to develop the higher level strategic, conceptual and organisational thinking needed for the successful VET leader of the future.”

→ PAM CHRISTIE
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Program Structure: Full-Time Study
The course is structured over one semester for the Graduate Certificate and two semesters for the Graduate Diploma. Students are required to complete four subjects per semester in the following sequence:

**FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP**
- Semester 1 → Core Subjects:
  - Leadership Theory and Practice
  - Leading in Emergent and Changing Environments
  - Developing and Leading People
  - Plus one elective subject¹

**LEADERSHIP IN A VET ENVIRONMENT**
- Semester 2 → Core Subjects:
  - Contemporary Issues in the VET Sector – Policy and Practice
  - Individual Research Project for the VET Sector
  - Professional Development VET Portfolio
  - Plus one elective subject²

EXIT POINT FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Program Structure: Part-Time Study
The course is structured over two semesters for the Graduate Certificate and a further two semesters (four in total) for the Graduate Diploma. Students are required to complete two subjects per semester in the following sequence:

**YEAR 1 - FOUNDATIONAL LEADERSHIP**
- Semester 1 → Core Subjects:
  - Leadership Theory and Practice
  - Leading in Emergent and Changing Environments

**YEAR 2 - LEADERSHIP IN A VET ENVIRONMENT**
- Semester 1 → Core Subjects:
  - Contemporary Issues in the VET Sector – Policy and Practice
  - Individual Research Project for the VET Sector

- Semester 2 → Core Subjects:
  - Developing and Leading People
  - Plus one elective subject¹

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1. Electives: Organisational Design and Culture; Developing Strategic Business Sustainability; Leadership in the Context of Emerging Technologies
2. Electives: Leading Innovation in the VET Context; Leadership in VET Curriculum and Assessment; Leading and Managing Diversity in the VET Context
   Electives subject to availability.
Benefits of the Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector)

- Online learning environment giving you flexibility and access to a collaborative learning community
- Learning with leaders in the VET sector
- Strong theoretical foundation in contemporary leadership and the opportunity to develop practical expertise in the VET sector for both public and private training organisations
- The Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector) has been developed in consultation with experts in the industry to build personal and organisation capabilities for 21st century leaders
- Completion of the Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector) may enable you to apply for entry into a range of related Masters programs or other related Higher Education courses.

Eligibility and Entry Requirements

Applicants for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector) are usually expected to demonstrate the following educational prerequisites:

- Bachelor’s Degree; or
- The completion of a relevant Graduate Certificate; or
- Diploma, Advanced Diploma or higher level vocational certificate with a minimum of two years’ relevant experience demonstrating potential to undertake work at this level

In addition to proof of eligibility for course specific entry requirements, applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency at a minimum IELTS level of 6.5.

Those who do not meet the eligibility criteria may enter by providing documentary evidence that will demonstrate a reasonable likelihood of success in the course of study.

How to Apply

An application form can be downloaded from the TAFE NSW Higher Education website at www.highered.tafensw.edu.au/applying-and-fees

Course Fees

Tuition fees for 2014 are $1,500 per subject*, although price is subject to change. Students will complete eight (8) subjects for the Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector) and four (4) subjects for the Graduate Certificate in Leadership.

Contact Us

For more information about the course, log onto highered.tafensw.edu.au and submit an online enquiry, or contact us via phone or email.

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*Fees as at 2014. This program is supported by the FEE-HELP Loan Scheme. FEE-HELP is part of the Australian Government’s Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) and assists eligible full fee-paying students to pay for all or part of their tuition costs for certain programs with TAFE NSW. To check if you are eligible and for other information visit the TAFE NSW FEE-HELP website at: www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/fees