



GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE RESOURCES SECTOR



About the program:

The Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) and the University of Queensland (UQ) have partnered to develop a unique postgraduate program in Community Relations for the resources sector, which supports the professionalisation of practitioners working in this key area. The flexible program offers those working in the field the following options:

- Graduate Certificate in Community Relations (Resources Sector)
- Graduate Diploma in Community Relations (Resources Sector)
- Master of Community Relations (Resources Sector)

The programs cover the key areas of community engagement, community and economic development, cultural awareness and research and evaluation methods. It draws upon expertise across the University of Queensland's Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences and the Sustainable Minerals Institute, plus the Australian National University.

Students to date have come from over fifteen different countries in Europe, North and South America, Asia, Africa and Australasia. The opportunity to develop a network of professionals working in the same field is often commented on by participants as a key benefit of their involvement in the program. The Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRSM) co-ordinates the program, and CSRSM staff are involved in teaching several key components. CSRSM is one of six research centres which make up UQ's Sustainable Minerals Institute.

Program delivery:

The program is delivered primarily online, but with some intensive face-to-face delivery for key courses. Students are required to commit to reading course materials, writing assignments and reports, and participating in class discussions through UQ's online eLearning systems. UQ uses a web-based online course delivery system called Blackboard, which will provide students with access to course material from any computer with access to the Internet. All UQ courses in the program will have their own Blackboard site, which will facilitate the delivery of some material, and also promote interaction with the course coordinators and other students. The ANU elective will also be delivered in a similar manner via their own on-line systems. UQ guidelines for postgraduate coursework suggest that students should be able to allocate 10 hours per week to study for each course, including the reading required.

Who should enrol:

The program is designed for those working in community relations roles in the resources sector, and within government and other stakeholder groups working with this sector. Applicants will normally be expected to have an undergraduate degree with two years relevant work experience. However, subject to University approval, people without formal tertiary qualifications may qualify for admission through recognition of prior learning, work experience or identified skill development. Such applications will need to be submitted with appropriate evidence to enable an assessment of ability to successfully complete the course. International applicants will be required to provide evidence of competency in written and spoken English.

All applicants should complete the University of Queensland enrolment form which can be found on the UQ website at: <http://www.uq.edu.au/study/forms/postgrad/ApplicPostgradCourse.pdf>. All domestic and international students should use this form. Note that it requires certified copies of academic qualifications and other relevant documents to be submitted. Completed applications should be mailed to the Program Administrator at CSRSM (contact details overleaf) - we will facilitate the subsequent approval through the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences. Once applications have been approved, you will be send information including a student ID and login which will allow you to enrol in specific courses using the UQ web-based SI-Net System.

"I found the course(s) to be extremely interesting and rewarding. As a result I have begun to look at communities and the role of the community practitioner in new ways. The community development and engagement skills I have learnt have given me a better understanding of our communities, a greater awareness of relationship building and the need to work constructively both within the community and within our company." - 2008 Program Participant.





Program Summary

The Graduate Certificate comprises four core courses as shown below. It may only be completed on a part-time basis with students completing either one or two courses per semester. Students who enrol in the Diploma or Masters options complete an additional three core courses and a combination of elective and research options.

Graduate Certificate (8 Units)

Community Aspects of Mineral Developments (#2 units)
Community Development for the Mining Industry (#2)
Community Engagement for the Mining Industry (#2)
Mining Projects and Indigenous Peoples (ANU) (#2)

Above four courses PLUS

Graduate Diploma (16 Units)

Regional and Local Economic Development in the Resources Sector (#2)
Community Research Methods for the Resources Sector (#2)
Evaluating Social Programs (#2)
Elective or Research Project (#2)

Above eight courses PLUS

Masters (24 Units)

Further electives and/or Research Project (#8)

Students are strongly encouraged to commence with the foundation course MINE7052, which introduces the basic concepts which are further expanded and explored in the subsequent courses. This course will be delivered in intensive mode with a residential workshop at the beginning of semester one in February.

Tuition Fees

As a guide in 2010 domestic students will be charged \$2,360 per UQ course. Tuition fees for international applicants are higher. Tuition fee charges are available upon request.



Some useful websites:

Program outlines and course descriptions:

Graduate Certificate: http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5450

Diploma: http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5492

Masters: http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5493

Fees calculator: http://www.uq.edu.au/study/fees_wizard_start.html

About CSR

The Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSR) was established by the University of Queensland in 2001 in response to growing interest in and debate about the role of the mining and minerals industry in contemporary society. During the past nine years, CSR has contributed to industry change processes through leading research, post-graduate teaching, professional education, research-orientated consulting and pro-bono work. CSR has global reach, with particular experience in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

Further questions?

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