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# Queensland Teacher Training

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Education Queensland International (EQI) offers a remarkable opportunity for international educators who are seeking professional development and growth. Our immersive short-term education visits and professional development options suit educators of all levels and experiences who are driven to enhance their teaching outcomes.

The program is a government-endorsed initiative developed and delivered by the Queensland Department of Education. It provides an authentic Australian school experience that transforms learning from theory-based to experience-based and practice-based.

Leveraging our extensive network of high-achieving subject experts, innovative schools, and strategic partnerships

with specialised organisations, we facilitate workshops and education visits that are designed to advance your pedagogical knowledge and empower your teaching skills.

Queensland Government schools are renowned for delivering an outstanding and internationally recognised curriculum. Our commitment to excellence is upheld through rigorous standards and robust quality assurance systems. This makes Queensland a popular destination for benchmarking education system and teaching practices.

The EQI Professional Visit program offers the following distinct training programs for trainee teachers, experienced educators and school leaders.







## Expanding professional growth through: Authentic class observation

Class observation is a practical and visible way to explore diverse teaching strategies and gain first-hand experience of the classroom dynamics. It provides participants with an invaluable opportunity to witness effective pedagogical practices in action.

Participants will have the privilege of visiting an exemplary Queensland school for a structured and immersive class observation experience. This extends beyond mere observation, as participants will engage with school leaders and gain insights into the comprehensive whole-of-school education approach.

Observation serves as a universal method for gathering valuable information that can be applied to a wide range of educational contexts. It leaves a lasting visual impression on the observers. Experienced teachers may utilise this option to validate and refine their teaching strategies, while trainee teachers can leverage class observation as a preparatory tool to ensure their future teaching endeavors successful.



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| <b>Typical duration</b>    | 1 to 10 days                       |
| <b>Style</b>               | Class observation and benchmarking |
| <b>Group size</b>          | 5 to 25 people per host school     |
| <b>Suitable for</b>        | Day visit                          |
| <b>English requirement</b> | Basic to intermediate              |



## Enhancing teaching skills through: Professional school practicum

EQI can arrange professional school practicum opportunities for eligible visiting teachers. This carefully arranged school placement provides supervised experiences that allow participants to apply their learning in a real classroom setting resulting in building confidence and effectiveness in classroom teaching and classroom management.

The practicum experience encompasses a comprehensive range of activities to strengthen participants teaching abilities. It begins with a school induction ensuring a smooth transition into the school environment. Participants will work-shadow with their assigned teacher buddies and gain valuable insight into their teaching practices. They may also engage in school routine meetings by contributing to the collaborative educational environment. In addition, participants have the opportunity to develop their lesson planning skills and deliver culturally enriching presentations to create a meaningful cultural and professional bond with an Australian school.



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| <b>Typical duration</b>    | 5 days   |
| <b>Style</b>               | Work shadowing with teacher buddies              |
| <b>Group size</b>          | 5 to 10 people per host school                   |
| <b>Suitable for</b>        | Enhancing teaching skills and cultural immersion |
| <b>English requirement</b> | Advanced to fluent                               |

*Please note – dependent on the duration and activities, participants may be required to apply for a Blue Card (child protection clearance) in Queensland.*

## Empowering educators through: Departmental workshops

An EQI Professional Visit Program provides access to some of Queensland's most talented educators and subject experts who deliver high-quality departmental workshops.

These workshops serve as fundamental building blocks, catering to various teacher training programs and encompassing a wide range of educational topics. The wealth of expertise within the department ensures that participants can acquire new technical knowledge and enhance practical techniques that can be directly applied in their classrooms.

By engaging in these departmental workshops, participants can broaden their pedagogical repertoire, stay abreast of current educational trends, and forge connections with esteemed professionals in their field. It is an enriching opportunity to exchange ideas, collaborate with like-minded educators, and elevate the quality of education both locally and globally.

Learning outcomes are determined by the workshop duration. For example, a short workshop is usually for general fact-finding purposes. A longer duration of a week or more could achieve more specialised and sustainable learning outcomes.



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| <b>Typical duration</b>    | From half a day (3 hours) to 5 days   |
| <b>Style</b>               | Seminar, coaching, symposium          |
| <b>Group size</b>          | 10 to 30 people                       |
| <b>Suitable for</b>        | Official reception, in-house coaching |
| <b>English requirement</b> | Intermediate to fluent                |



## Enriching professional growth through: Virtual Masterclass for Educators

The *Virtual Masterclass for Educators* offers a dynamic and interactive learning experience, allowing participants to delve into specialised education topics through engaging online sessions. Led by the Department's most accomplished teaching talents, these masterclasses provide a unique opportunity to explore their wealth of experience and innovative techniques.

This program is most suitable for educators who are pressed for time but aspire to rapidly advance their professional knowledge in this digital era.

Participants have the flexibility to choose between a single session or a series, depending on the desired depth and variety of the topic. Typically, the masterclasses are organised as a series of 5 to 10 sessions, combining both the workshop lessons and class observation experiences.

To ensure an optimal learning experience, each session accommodates an audience size of 10 to 25 people. However, a larger class audience can be arranged upon consultation with EQI.

### The masterclasses are offered in two formats:

**Online class observation:** This format employs a 'camera-in-a-classroom' approach, providing participants with a live observation of a classroom setting. The session duration is 60 minutes, aligning with the standard school lesson duration of 45 minutes. At the conclusion of the lesson, participants may have the opportunity to interact with the class teachers for questions and answers.

**Online workshop:** This format is a live 90-minute training session focusing on a specific educational topic. It is commonly run in a seminar style, encouraging audience interaction with the subject expert. Alternatively, for larger audiences where interaction is less emphasised, the session can be delivered lecture style, maximizing the content delivery. Workshops are delivered by subject experts from the Department of Education, ensuring participants receive expert guidance and insights.

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| <b>Typical duration</b>    | 60-90 minutes per session                  |
| <b>Style</b>               | Online class observation   Online workshop |
| <b>Group size</b>          | 10+ people per session                     |
| <b>Suitable for</b>        | Educators who are pressed for time         |
| <b>English requirement</b> | Intermediate to Fluent                     |



Queensland observes Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) which is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+10). An online workshop is available on weekdays between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm AEST. Our Online Observation class operates within school hours between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm AEST on normal school days.





## Did you know?

To enrol in any of these programs, participants must be aged 18 or above and not be a 'disqualified person'. The minimum group size is 10 people. The program is only available to eligible organisations accredited by EQI. There is no minimum English requirement.

*A 'disqualified person' refers to an individual who has committed offences and is considered unsuitable to engage in activities involving children. The term is defined in Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 (Qld).*

The EQI Professional Visit program is a group-based program. Organisations or agents may choose to sponsor

a group of international teachers with customised learning goals with EQI. Please note that EQI does not accept individual enrolments. Individual applicants may enrol through one of our EQI accredited agents specifically for this program.

The EQI Professional Visit program is for professional learning purposes. It does not lead to a qualification or credit. However, upon successful completion of the program, each participant will receive a certificate of participation issued by the Department of Education.

If special logistic requirements are required, such as transportation, accommodation and excursion, please discuss individual needs with EQI.



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