

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HIGHER EDUCATION (CREATIVE ARTS)

A Professional Qualification for Creative Educators



COLLARTS AUSTRALIAN
COLLEGE
OF THE ARTS

COURSE STRUCTURE & LEARNING OUTCOMES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

4

UNITS TOTAL

1 Year

FLEXIBLE COMPLETION

HOW YOU'LL LEARN

- Online independent modules
- Asynchronous collaboration
- Live seminars (online)
- One-day on-campus intensive per unit

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply evidence-based pedagogies in creative settings
- Design inclusive and reflective learning environments
- Develop and evaluate curriculum and assessment in creative disciplines
- Build a teaching identity informed by scholarship and reflective practice

“We didn’t just learn about creative pedagogies— we experienced them. This approach has strengthened my practice and **reignited my passion for student-centred learning.”**

Jess Carroll, 2023 Graduate & Program Coordinator



WHO IT'S FOR & CORE UNITS

The creative industries are a significant contributor to Australia's economy, adding nearly \$45.89 billion annually to the GDP. Employment in this sector is expected to continue growing, driven by innovation and the increasing demand for creative content. The Australian creative economy contributed approximately 6.4% of Gross Domestic Product and accounted for around 5.5% of total employment, according to Creative Australia and the Australia Council for the Arts reports.

This qualification supports teaching professionals to build recognised higher education capability that can strengthen employability, support progression into education leadership roles, and open access to higher remuneration opportunities over time.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Creative educators (part-time/full-time) seeking formal credentials
- Industry and creative arts professionals from areas such as music, design, fashion, media, performing arts seeking to move into teaching roles
- Learning support staff moving into teaching
- Academic leaders aiming to upskill or support their teams

CORE UNITS

Creative Arts Pedagogies

Explore evidence-based teaching strategies and leading theories for creative arts education in higher ed. Develop reflective practice while examining discipline-specific pedagogies and approaches to enhance learning.

Learning Environments for Creative Arts

Examine and create effective physical, digital, and blended learning spaces, with a focus on creative arts environments like studios and workshops.

Understanding Curriculum Design & Assessment

Explore learning outcomes, assessment methods, and curriculum alignment, with attention to inclusivity, accessibility, and effective student outcomes.

Scholarly Practice

Undertake a project focused on your teaching practice, applying educational research and reflecting on your role as a creative arts educator.

ENTRY & APPLICATION



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree or higher required
- Applications from experienced professionals without degrees considered on a case-by-case basis



COURSE FEES

- \$3,058.00 per unit (2026 domestic rate)
- 4 units total
- FEE-HELP available



UPCOMING INTAKES

- Trimester 2, 2026 (June)
- Trimester 3, 2026 (September)
- Trimester 1, 2027 (March)



DELIVERY

- Online

HOW TO APPLY



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"The program **challenged my thinking** about delivery and design, particularly for non-traditional learners. The creative focus made all the difference."

Bronwyn Pringle, 2023 Graduate & Creative Educator

