

## Master of Computing Technology, Master of Computing Technology (Extended) (MCOTorMCTE) - MCT, MCTE New

CRICOS code (International applicants): Master of Computing Technology (MCOT) 069702M; Master of Computing Technology (Extended) (MCTE) 069703K

	On-campus*	Distance education*
<b>Semester intake:</b>	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (March) Semester 2 (July)
<b>Campus:</b>	Toowoomba	Toowoomba
<b>Fees:</b>	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Standard duration:</b>	MCOT: 1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time, 4.5 years maximum. MCTE: 2 years full-time, 4 years part-time, 6 years maximum.	
<b>Program articulation:</b>	From: <a href="#">Graduate Diploma of Information Technology (Faculty of Sciences)</a> To: <a href="#">Master of Computing</a>	

### Footnotes

\* Please contact the Program Coordinator for more information about articulating into the ; [Master of Computing](#)

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## Program focus

The Master of Computing Technology (MCOT) and Master of Computing Technology (Extended) (MCTE) are vocationally and academically-oriented programs. With majors in Networking and System Security, Software Engineering and Web Technology, **MCOT** and **MCTE** provide graduates with skills and knowledge in key areas of computing which relate to their needs and the needs of their profession or industry.

## Professional accreditation

This program is in the process of reaccreditation by the [Australian Computer Society](#) .

## Program aims

The Master of Computing Technology and Master of Computing Technology (Extended) aim to produce graduates coming from any discipline who can work as web information professionals, system and network administrators, database administrators, database designers, IT managers or software engineers.

## Program objectives

Successful completion of the program will enable graduates to:

- work as a professional in the Information Technology industry

- acquire specific knowledge and skills in information technology in one or several of the following areas:
  - web information systems
  - software engineering
  - networking, or
  - network commerce
- understand a broad range of topics in information technology
- design, manage and develop software systems and networks in an effective manner
- lead discussions relating to the computing aspects of their workplace
- become better problem-solvers and innovative thinkers, who are able to learn new skills independently and efficiently and consequently to succeed in a competitive professional environment
- identify information needs appropriate to their area of specialisation, and apply the techniques required to gather and interpret such information
- demonstrate skills in the analysis and determination of technological issues at management level
- identify, analyse and solve problems in one or more areas of technology by selecting and using either quantitative or qualitative techniques appropriate to the resolution of technological problems
- satisfy academic admission requirements for membership of relevant professional bodies
- identify, interpret and evaluate major issues in a range of contemporary business information technology areas
- apply acquired knowledge associated with their studies to work environments
- articulate the principal theories, concepts and applications associated with their selected business information technology area(s)
- understand and act in accordance with the ethics of their profession.

## Admission requirements

Applicants may be admitted to the Master of Computing Technology or Master of Computing Technology (Extended) if they:

- hold a bachelor's degree from an Australian university or
- an approved qualification at least equivalent to the above.

In addition, before being admitted to the program, applicants must have introductory knowledge of computing consistent with that found in:

- [MAT1101 Discrete Mathematics for Computing](#) and
- [CSC1401 Foundation Programming](#) and
- [CIS1000 Information System Concepts](#)

This knowledge and skills can be acquired by:

- completing these courses as a USQ student in an award or non-award program; or
- studying equivalent courses at other universities; or
- work experience, in which case applicants will need to provide suitable evidence of the acquisition of the skills and knowledge.

## International Applicants

International applicants must have met the University's [English Language](#) requirements or have completed the University's [ELICOS/EAP](#) programs.

## How to apply

### Domestic students 2010

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ. You should ensure you submit your application by the [closing dates](#).

### International students 2010

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#).

### International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

## Program structure

Master of Computing Technology (MCOT) consists of 12 units of courses subject to the following restrictions:

- at least six units of Level 8 courses of which at most two may come from outside the following Group 3 CSC courses
- no Level 1 courses will be credited towards the program
- no more than three units of courses may be at Level 2
- no more than two units of courses at Level 2 and 3 may come from outside the following Group 1 and Group 2 CSC courses.

Master of Computing Technology (Extended) (MCTE) consists of 16 units of courses subject to the following restrictions:

- at least six units of Level 8 courses of which at most two may come from outside the following Group 3 CSC courses
- no Level 1 courses will be credited towards the program
- no more than five units of courses may be at Level 2
- no more than three units of courses at Level 2 and 3 may come from outside the following Group 1 and Group 2 CSC courses.

Any courses completed as part of an undergraduate program for which an award has been given, will not attract credit for MCOT or MCTE. Exemptions or credit for previous study will not be permitted except for incomplete studies and appropriate courses completed in [Graduate Diploma of Information Technology \(Faculty of Sciences\)](#).

Students who want to select courses from outside the following table need approval by the Program Coordinator.

Group 1 Courses		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
<a href="#">CSC2402 Object-Oriented Programming in C++</a>	<a href="#">CSC2404 Operating Systems</a>	

CSC2409 High Performance Numerical Computing	CSC2408 Software Development Tools	
CSC2408 Software Development Tools	CSC2406 Web Technology	
	CSC2407 Introduction to Software Engineering	
	CSC2401 Algorithms and Data Structures	
<b>Group 2 Courses</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
CSC3400 Database Systems		
CSC3403 Comparative Programming Languages	CSC3413 Network Design and Analysis	
CSC3407 Network Fundamentals and Routing	CSC3427 Switching, Wireless and WAN Technologies	
CSC3412 System and Security Administration		
<b>Group 3 Courses</b>		
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
CSC8407 Wireless and Internet Technology	CSC8409 XML and Semantic Web Services	
CSC8410 Independent Studies in Computing/Mathematics/Statistics A	CSC8411 Independent Studies in Computing/Mathematics/Statistics B	
	CSC8417 Advanced Web Data Management	
CSC8419 Cryptography and Security	CSC8490 Computing Complementary Studies B	
CSC8480 Computing Complementary Studies A	CSC8408 e-Commerce Technology	
CSC8418	CSC8415 Computer Network Programming	
CSC8416 Advanced Programming in Java		

Students may undertake a major in one of the fields shown in the following table by completing the associated courses. A major represents a grouping of related courses. Note that it is not compulsory to undertake a major in this program.

Major	Courses for the major
Web Technology	CSC2408 Software Development Tools
	CSC3400 Database Systems
	CSC3407 Network Fundamentals and Routing
	CSC3412 System and Security Administration
	CSC8408 e-Commerce Technology
	CSC8409 XML and Semantic Web Services
	CSC8416 Advanced Programming in Java
	CSC8417 Advanced Web Data Management
	Four electives subject to the restrictions listed in the Program Structure
MCTE: Four CSC electives subject to the restrictions listed in the Program Structure*	
Software Engineering	CSC2407 Introduction to Software Engineering
	CSC2408 Software Development Tools
	CSC3400 Database Systems
	CSC8408 e-Commerce Technology
	CSC8416 Advanced Programming in Java
	CSC8415 Computer Network Programming
	CSC8418
	Five electives subject to the restrictions listed in the Program Structure
MCTE: Four CSC electives subject to the restrictions listed in the Program Structure*	
Networking and System Security	CSC2408 Software Development Tools
	CSC3412 System and Security Administration
	CSC3407 Network Fundamentals and Routing
	CSC3413 Network Design and Analysis
	CSC8407 Wireless and Internet Technology
	CSC8408 e-Commerce Technology
	CSC8415 Computer Network Programming
	CSC8419 Cryptography and Security
	Four electives subject to the restrictions listed in the Program Structure
MCTE: Four CSC electives subject to the restrictions listed in the Program Structure*	

**Footnotes**

\* CSC electives are USQ courses whose course code start with CSC2xxx, CSC3xxx or CSC8xxx.

This list of postgraduate courses may vary from time to time as the range of courses offered within the University changes. Individual postgraduate courses which are relevant to the goals of a student and consistent with the purposes of this program may be allowed at the discretion of the Program Coordinator.

## Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4.5 years to complete MCOT and 6 years to complete MCTE.

## IT requirements

All students are required to have access to the Internet and to a personal computer running Microsoft Windows and Linux. The Department provides assistance with installing Linux for students who may not have done so before. Note that at <http://www.usq.edu.au/ict/students/standards/default.htm>, USQ makes recommendations about the type of hardware and software best suited to match our systems. Compliance with these recommendations will ensure students receive the computing help needed if experiencing problems. Macintosh computers are not recommended due to the software used in the courses. Software is specified on a course-by-course basis and, in some instances, it is provided with the textbook required for the course.

The University has installed a wireless network for students' computers. In order to take advantage of this facility and further enhance their on-campus learning environment, students should consider purchasing a notebook/laptop computer with wireless connectivity. A notebook/laptop may be required for some courses.

## Articulation

Upon successful completion of the [GDTI Graduate Diploma of Information Technology \(Faculty of Sciences\)](#), students may articulate into the [Master of Computing Technology, Master of Computing Technology \(Extended\) \(MCOT\)](#) with up to a maximum of four credit units exemption.

## Exit points

Students enrolled in the MCOT program who wish to exit without completing the program may be awarded the Graduate Diploma of Professional Computing (GDPC) if they have completed at least eight units (excluding exemptions and credit transfers), *or* the Graduate Certificate in Professional Computing (GCPC) if they have completed at least four units (excluding exemptions and credit transfers) in accordance with the MCOT requirements.

Students enrolled in the MCTE program who wish to exit without completing the program may be awarded the Graduate Certificate in Professional Computing (GCPC) if they have completed at least four units (excluding exemptions and credit transfers); the Graduate Diploma of Professional Computing (GDPC) if they have completed at least eight units (excluding exemptions and credit transfers); or MCOT if they completed at least 12 units in accordance with the requirements of MCOT.

## Exemptions

Students with a degree equivalent at least to an Australian Bachelor degree may be eligible for up to 2 block credits in the MCTE. These credits will be awarded in accordance to guidelines set by the Faculty of Science.

## Recommended Enrolment Pattern

Students should select their own courses, using the list provided at Program structure keeping in mind the requirements to graduate outlined also in the Program Structure. If unsure about a suitable enrolment pattern, students should contact the Program Coordinator.