

GRADUATE DIPLOMAS are based on Graduate Degree Level Expectations (see Appendix 1 of the Quality Assurance Framework) and will prepare students for employment requiring sound judgment, personal responsibility and individual initiative, in complex and unpredictable professional environments. The typical duration is one to four semesters at the Master's level and one to six semesters at the doctoral level. Requirements are integrated throughout the program and normally consist of four to six graduate courses or equivalent requirements such as an experiential learning component.

	Overall Program Design and Outcome Emphasis	Admission Requirements
Graduate Diploma – Master's Level (Type 1)	Programs require students to develop a conceptual understanding of fundamental aspects of the discipline. Some programs require students to demonstrate Master's-level analytical, interpretative, methodological and expository skills through course-specific applications. Some programs may require students to demonstrate these skills in applied activities. Students are not admitted directly to Type 1 diploma programs. A Type 1 Diploma may be awarded when a candidate admitted to a Master's program leaves the program after completing the specified requirements where such an option has been specified through the program's approval process.	Baccalaureate/Bachelor's Degree: Honours, or other undergraduate degree along with bridging requirements where necessary.
Graduate Diploma – Master's and Doctoral Levels (Type 2)	Master's Level Type 2 Graduate Diplomas are offered in conjunction with a Master's or doctoral degree and represent an additional, usually interdisciplinary, qualification. Programs require students to develop a conceptual understanding of fundamental aspects of the discipline(s) and appropriate levels of analytical, interpretative, methodological and expository skills through course-specific applications. Some programs may require students to demonstrate these skills in applied activities.	<p>Master's Level</p> <p>Baccalaureate/ Bachelor's Degree: Honours, or other undergraduate degree along with bridging requirements where necessary.</p> <p>Doctoral Level</p> <p>Normally a Master's Degree.</p> <p>Both</p> <p>As the Diploma is offered in conjunction with a Master's or doctoral degree, admission to the graduate diploma program requires that the candidate be already admitted to a Master's / doctoral program.</p>

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<p>Graduate Diploma – Master’s and Doctoral Levels (Type 3)</p>	<p>These stand-alone, direct-entry graduate diploma programs require students to develop a conceptual understanding of fundamental aspects of the discipline. Programs require students to demonstrate the appropriate level of analytical, interpretative, methodological and expository skills through course-specific applications. Some programs may require students to demonstrate these skills in applied activities.</p> <p>In some specific cases, courses taken for credit as part of a diploma program may be considered for advanced standing credit in subsequent master’s programs.</p>	<p>Master’s Level</p> <p>Baccalaureate/Bachelor’s Degree: Honours, or other undergraduate degree along with bridging requirements where necessary.</p> <p>Doctoral Level</p> <p>Master’s Degree.</p>