

GRADUATE DIPLOMAS

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 may include an experiential learning component (or course); programs normally consist of four to six graduate courses.

	Overall Program Design and Outcome Emphasis	Admission Requirements	QA Process
Graduate Diploma – Master's Level (Type 1)	These 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 (Type 1) programs require approval through the university's Protocol for

