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Opportunity to become a Secondary Teacher

Geraldton Universities Centre is calling for expressions of interest from people in the community who already have a university degree and now would like to become a secondary school teacher.

In partnership with CQUniversity, GUC is investigating whether there is sufficient interest to support the Graduate Diploma of Learning and Teaching in the Secondary specialisation.

GUC Director Natalie Nelmes said the Graduate Diploma was a one year, very hands on program.

"Students will spend three days a week in a local school throughout most of the program which then culminates in a final six week internship," Ms Nelmes said.

"We have had excellent support from local schools. Geraldton Grammar School for instance will guarantee an interview for every graduate."

Ms Nelmes said the program would build on the suite of CQUniversity Education courses supported at GUC.

"Education is our biggest program with 52 students currently studying in CQUniversity's Early Childhood and Primary programs," she said. "12 students are in their final practicums at local schools before graduating in November. Already many of these students are being offered positions in local schools for term 4."

"The Graduate Diploma will take us into the secondary education space and help our local schools to fill necessary positions.

"Like all courses at GUC, the Graduate Diploma will include face-to-face tutorials and students will also attend three intensive blocks throughout the year."

To express interest, you must already have a Bachelor degree. Call Tamara Haynes on 9920 4405 to register your interest. An information session will be held in September for those who register now.

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