How are these courses taught?
The courses in this programme involve a combination of on-campus classes and online teaching and learning. It is desirable for students to have access to broadband Internet services in order to fully access course materials. The PGDipEd(IncSpEd) may be completed full time in one year, or part-time in up to four years.

What does this qualification prepare me for and what will I learn?
Graduates of this programme will be well prepared to support a diverse range of students in regular and special education classrooms. Courses will help teachers develop skills such as the use of assessment techniques, effective teaching strategies and curriculum adaptation. A focus on the New Zealand context is maintained across the courses. This includes an emphasis on supporting Māori and students from a range of cultural backgrounds. Critical issues in inclusive and special education will also be presented for consideration and discussion.

How long is the programme of study?
Courses typically run from late February to mid-October each year. Some courses (e.g., EDEM685) may be offered as summer school courses. Each 30 point course is expected to involve 10 hours per week of study time (i.e., attending classes, undertaking readings, activities and assignment work). Participants are expected to manage their own study schedules.

What qualifications do I need to enroll?
In general, participants should have a teaching or related qualification with sufficient background and experience to benefit from the programme. Applicants should also meet UC entry requirements for postgraduate study (typically a B+ average for 300-level courses).

How do I enroll for the MEd(IncSpeEd)?
To enroll in the MEd(IncSpeEd), participants will need to achieve a B average in their previous four courses. To complete MEd(IncSpeEd) participants will need to complete 30 points research methods courses and EDEM690 Thesis (90 points) in a relevant area. The thesis allows for in-depth study of an area of interest under supervision of experienced academics. The MEd(IncSpeEd) may be awarded with first or second class Honours based on the grades achieved.

An MEd may also be completed by taking a further four courses. However the MEd(IncSpeEd) is only awarded for students completing a thesis in an areas relevant to Inclusive and Special Education.
Postgraduate Studies and Inclusive and Special Education

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Inclusive and Special Education) – PGDipEd(IncSpEd)

Master of Education (Inclusive and Special Education) – MEd(IncSpEd)

The PGDipEd endorsed in Inclusive and Special Education is a qualification designed for classroom teachers* and interested education professionals wishing to develop knowledge and skills in supporting the academic and social development of students with diverse learning needs. Developed by leading educators at the University of Canterbury, the programme is designed to provide opportunities to develop professional knowledge, practice and critically examine issues relevant to inclusive and special education. The PGDipEd(IncSpEd) may be awarded with distinction based on grades achieved.

The PGDip Ed (Inclusive and Special Education) requires completion of 4 courses totalling 120 points. Each course is typically weighted at 30 points. Courses are undertaken as set out below.

In 2012 these courses will be offered:

EDEM620  Inclusive and Special Education
(this course is compulsory) S1-C

Select 2 from –

EDEM618  Dyslexia: Identification and Intervention S2-C
EDEM622  Teaching and Learning in Inclusive Settings  S2-C
EDEM625  Challenging Behaviours: Positive and Effective Management W-C & D
EDEM684  Special Topic: Teaching children with intellectual and multiple disabilities S2-C

Select 1 from wider Masters of Education schedule. For example

EDEM685  Culturally Inclusive Pedagogies: Motivating Diverse Learners Su-C
EDEM663  Introduction to Interventions W-C
EDEM614  Assessment for Learning  S2-C

S1 = offered in Semester 1 only
S2 = offered in Semester 2 only
W = course runs the whole year
C = on campus
D = distance run
Su = Summer session

For a full list of Masters level courses, see the Course listings for 2012 and enter EDEM for course code
www.canterbury.ac.nz/courses/