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Designed to meet the requirements of the NSW Institute of Teachers, this course has students complete introductory mathematics subjects, along with more advanced material in areas such as complex analysis and mathematical modelling.

"The course provides mathematical training for people who don't have a university background in mathematics. It [also] includes topics in algebra and calculus that every advanced user of mathematics needs to know," Howarth says.

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