Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

We will ensure you can step into your career with confidence and continue to adapt to ongoing workforce changes and future opportunities. Some key inclusions in the course are:

- a deep understanding of early childhood learning and development
- curriculum and pedagogy knowledge and practices
- creating positive learning environments for young learners
- inclusion and diversity
- building positive relationships with parents, carers, communities and education stakeholders
- digital technologies
- entrepreneurial thinking and leadership
- innovation and creativity
- evaluation, research and assessment
- developing your professional identity
- global perspectives
- resilience.

Why choose this course?

The early years are a time of rapid growth and development. Early relationships, interactions and experiences provide the foundation for everything that follows - school, work, life. Early childhood teachers make a significant and lasting contribution to a child’s education and lifelong learning. You will be supported by specialist early childhood academics and will experience real-world opportunities that prepare you to teach in early childhood.

Nationally, the number of early childhood teachers required in early childhood education and care services is expected to grow by 22% between 2018 and 2023, according to the Australian Government's Job Outlook (December 2019).

This puts you, as an early childhood graduate teacher, in the box seat for leadership in the early childhood education and care sector.

Flexible delivery

At QUT we understand life is busy so our courses are flexible and responsive to your needs. If you have suitable early childhood qualifications and work experience, you may be eligible for generous credit.

The best start in life

I'm currently working as a teacher in an early years centre supporting the children in their learning and development. I get to see children when they come in as young as six months old to when they're five, and see them grow and become their own little people. Their love for learning starts young and we help support and promote that.
You can study on campus or online. Some lectures and tutorials may have evening sessions. If you enter the course with advanced standing you should seek advice on your course progression and the availability of online units.

If you choose online study you’ll be part of an online learning community and in regular contact with our expert teaching staff. QUT provides a variety of online learning environments where you will participate fully, receive expert knowledge and guidance, and have easy access to course content.

You can undertake Professional Experience placements in your home region and the schedule will be released well in advance so you can plan ahead. If you need to borrow resources from the QUT Library, these can be posted to your home address.

**Real-world learning**

**Professional experience**

We organise professional experience placements, supervised by practising teachers, to give you experience in a diverse range of environments including school classrooms, kindergartens and early learning centres.

**Future Tracks program**

You can apply to participate in the Future Tracks program, which offers paid jobs, mentoring and leadership training for early childhood students during the course. QUT is the only university in Queensland to partner with Future Tracks and you can apply to participate in the program once you’ve been accepted into the course. Future tracks will match you with a paid part-time job in an early learning centre or other early years setting.

**More real world experience**

QUT offers a range of opportunities to apply or volunteer for programs and experiences related to your course.

We also offer opportunities to gain valuable experience overseas. These diverse cultural experiences can enhance your personal development and cultural competence, and show employers that you can deal with change and have initiative, commitment, flexibility, and compassion. You can apply for opportunities to travel overseas for semester exchange or short-term international programs offered in conjunction with our global partners. Your overseas experience may contribute towards a unit in your course. You may also be eligible to receive funding for travel.

**Learn from the best**

You’ll learn from inspiring and innovative lecturers who are committed to providing a quality experience for the early childhood teachers of the future. Our lecturers have real-world experience in early childhood education and care services and schools and have a wealth of knowledge and advice to set you on the right path.

We’ve been recognised among the nation’s most outstanding teaching and learning programs. In the past nine years, QUT’s Faculty of Education has received nine Australian awards or citations for university teaching.

**Entry requirements**

**Prerequisites**

You must have passed four semesters (Units 3 & 4, C) at an Australian high school level or equivalent:

- English, or Literature, or English Language Extension, or English as an Additional Language (Units 3 & 4, C); and
- at least one of General Mathematics, or Mathematical Methods, or Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C); and
- at least one of Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Marine Science, Physics, or Psychology (Units 3 & 4, C).

**Haven’t completed the prerequisite subjects?**

You may be able to meet the prerequisite requirements if you’ve completed equivalent subjects or by completing bridging courses.

How to meet prerequisite requirements

**Additional entry requirements**

You must demonstrate possession of key competencies outlined by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) as those attributes and motivations common to effective teachers.

To demonstrate this you must complete an online questionnaire to demonstrate your motivation for and understanding of, the course and profession. Details are available from the QTAC initial teacher education webpage.

If you’ve achieved a ‘satisfactory’ result for one or more components of the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) at another institution, the ‘satisfactory’ result can be carried across with your admission application. You are not eligible to apply for a place in this course if one or more components of LANTITE remains at ‘unsatisfactory’ after two test attempts for that component.

**Real-world facilities**

Experience the new Education Precinct at the heart of Kelvin Grove campus. With five levels dedicated to world-class teaching, you’ll have access to imaginatively designed face-to-face and online interactive learning spaces. A centrepiece of the Precinct is the Sphere, a digital LED globe suspended over two floors with a changing menu of innovative visual content.

To prepare you to be an inspiring, innovative and confident teacher for the future, you’ll be able to experiment and innovate in preparation for professional experiences in schools and early childhood centres. The spaces facilitate just the right balance of collaborative learning, interaction and quiet individual research.

Our expert teaching staff will inspire you to push boundaries, be curious and innovate. Qualities you will in turn foster in the students you teach.

**Customise your degree**

As this course qualifies you to teach to Year 3, you will undertake a primary specialisation as required by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership. This will enhance your skills in national areas of priority for a primary school setting. You can choose from:

- maths/numeracy
- science
- English/literacy.

In the third year of the course you can choose two option units in areas that you are interested in.

**Careers and outcomes**

As early childhood specialists, graduates are prepared to work as qualified teachers in early learning centres and kindergartens. The early childhood degree also prepares you to teach in Prep to Year 3 in primary school and can allow you to work across Australia and overseas.
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Early childhood teachers develop a range of skills, knowledge and practices as a result of their own unique combination of work experiences and personal qualities. You will be empowered to shape your own career path and explore the many ways to make an impact. You can explore a range of careers, including:

- childcare centre or kindergarten director
- education policy and program implementation
- training and development roles in private and public organisations
- education and outreach roles
- developing products for the early childhood sector
- learning designer
- entertainment industry roles
- consultancy
- education research.

Professional recognition
This course meets professional teaching standards for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership and Queensland College of Teachers. Graduates are eligible to apply for teacher registration. Graduates are also recognised as qualified early childhood teachers under the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority framework.

Fees
HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees. If you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Advanced standing
For a completed Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, or an equivalent accredited qualification
If you completed the qualification prior to receiving a QTAC offer, you will be automatically granted credit (advanced standing) of 96 credit points.

How to apply for advanced standing
You can find out more about advanced standing and how to apply. If you enter the course with advanced standing you should seek advice on your course progression and the availability of units.

Course requirements
Literacy and numeracy
You will need to successfully complete the National Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students to graduate from the course. You are permitted three test attempts in total for each component as a student at QUT. If you fail three test attempts for each component, you will not be able to graduate. You are not eligible to apply for a place in the course if you have failed two test attempts for one or more components, at another institution. The test will assess your personal literacy and numeracy skills. QUT provides you with one reimbursement to cover the cost of the test.

Find more information about additional course costs and requirements.

Inherent requirements
There are some essential skills and abilities you’ll need to perform to meet the core learning outcomes of your course or unit. They’re not something you need to get into the course, but they’ll be assessed throughout your course, and they’ll be required for you to succeed in your career when you graduate.

Find out more about the inherent requirements for the Bachelor of Education.

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