Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)

You will learn innovative ways to provide foundation programs for young learners from birth to eight years of age, setting up these children for their lifelong learning journey. You will be supported by specialist early childhood academics and will experience real-world opportunities that prepare you to teach in early childhood. Our future-focused course will equip you with the skills and capabilities to manage learning programs, and to develop your own professional identity as a teacher.

Why choose this course?
Become a teacher in just two years if you already have a bachelor degree in a course not leading to teacher registration. The course complements the content knowledge obtained from your previous qualification, and the breadth of life and other experiences you can draw on in the role of early childhood teacher.

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

Flexible delivery
Choose the part-time or full-time course to suit your circumstances and lifestyle. You can study on campus or online. Evening classes may be available for some units.

Real-world learning
Professional experience placements give you the opportunity to work in real school classrooms, early learning centres, and kindergartens.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements
A completed recognised three year bachelor degree (or equivalent) not in a course leading to teacher registration in Australia or New Zealand.

Applicants must have completed eight semester units (one year of full-time study) relevant to one or more learning areas in the primary school curriculum. Primary school curriculum areas are English, mathematics, science, humanities and social sciences, the arts (music, drama, dance, media arts and visual arts), languages, health, physical education and technologies.

Jo Tregenza
Supported online study

‘The online resources available to external students at QUT were vital to my success. I accessed the extensive range of resources available in the education curriculum collection for students to take on Professional Experience placements.’
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Additional entry requirements
Applicants 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.

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.

Selection ranks
You will be considered solely on the basis of selection ranks from your prior degree studies plus any postgraduate studies you may have undertaken. Other qualifications and experiences may be allocated selection ranks for entry to other QUT courses, but will not be considered for this course.

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 in schools, you will undertake a primary specialisation as required by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) in either maths/numeracy, science or English/literacy. This will enhance your skills in national areas of priority for a primary school setting.

Careers and outcomes
As an early childhood specialist, you will be prepared to work as a qualified teacher in early learning centres, kindergarten and Prep to Year 3 in primary school. A masters qualification can set you up for leadership roles in the early childhood profession. Your qualification can also allow you to work in other locations in Australia and overseas.

Professional recognition
This course meets professional teaching standards for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, and Queensland College of Teachers. 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
If you intend to apply for advanced standing (credit) you can view more information and find out how to apply.

Early exit
If you decide you do not wish to complete a course that leads to teacher registration you can consider an option to exit with a Graduate Diploma in Educational Studies as an alternative education qualification. This qualification does not meet requirements of the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority framework.

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.

For more information view additional course requirements.