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# Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education

Begin your in-demand Early Childhood Teaching journey  
with AE's one-year Graduate Diploma!

The Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education is a one-year course designed to equip you with a thorough understanding of early childhood development, pedagogy, curriculum, and the ethical and legislative requirements of the profession. You will also develop critical thinking, reflective practice, and continuous professional development skills.

CRICOS	116494J
Intakes	February, May, July, September
Course length	1 year
Campuses	Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Online
Delivery mode	Blended or Online <small>Regardless of study mode, face-to-face placement is required.</small>
Accreditation	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
AQF Level	8



## Professional Accreditation

This course is accredited by **Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)**.














## Course Structure

This course is completed over three trimesters within one year of full-time study. It includes 8 core units which includes two field placements totaling 60 days, with 2-3 units per trimester. To qualify, you are required to complete 8 units (48 credit points) as outlined below.

In **Blended** delivery mode, you attend some **face-to-face classes on campus** (70% of all the course) and 30% of the classes are **flexible online units**. You can expect to attend face-to-face classes on campus for about 6 hours a week, and complete about 6 hours of online activities per week in your flexible online units. Plus, you will be expected to complete about 7 hours a week of personal study time.

In **Online** delivery is where you stay home but attend **live online classes** using Microsoft Teams and also do some units that are flexible online units. You will also be able to complete some online learning activities in your own time.

**IMPORTANT:** Regardless of whether you choose the blended or online option – **you will need to complete 60 days of face-to-face placement** as part of the course.

Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
ECEC100 Foundations of Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) (6 points) 	ECEC300 Policy, Pedagogy & Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers (birth-2) (6 points) 	ECEC400 The Early Childhood Professional (6 points) 
ECEC101 Child Development (birth-5) (6 points) 	ECEC301 Curriculum Studies in Early Childhood Education & Care (STREAM) (6 points) 	PRFX401 Professional Experience II (6 points) 
ECEC200 Play in The Early Years (6 points) 	PRFX201 Professional Experience I (6 points) 	<div> <div>Blended</div> <div>  Face to face   Flexible Online </div> </div> <div> <div>Online</div> <div>  Flexible Online   Live Online   Face to face (Placement) </div> </div>

## Academic Requirements - International Students

To be admitted to the Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education, you must have an Australian bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in any discipline.

## English Requirements - International Students

If you have obtained a bachelor's degree (AQF 7) or equivalent from a country other than Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, or the Republic of Ireland, you must meet one of the following minimum English language requirements:

- An overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no band score below 6.5, or
- equivalent AE English placement test

## Field Education Placements

The course is structured to maximise your opportunities to become work-ready and secure employment in an Australian early childhood education centre during your studies. You will complete two 30-day placements in Trimester 2 and Trimester 3 during the study period.

Professional Experience I: 30 days with preschoolers (3 to 5 years old)

Professional Experience II: 30 days with infants and toddlers (6 weeks to 2 years)

Full details about the [Field Education Placements](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) can be found on our website. Please scan the QR code.



## Career Opportunities

- Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher
- Qualified Educator
- Educational Leader
- Service Director
- Area Manager
- Inclusion Support Worker
- Inclusion Support Manager
- Out of School Hours Educator
- Out of School Hours Coordinator

