

BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 2014



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As one of Australia's most progressive universities, Deakin strives to provide pathways for students to participate in higher education and recognises that in today's competitive work environment, a university degree can make a difference in providing career opportunities.

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education degree offered by Deakin University is a 4-year undergraduate course, available to VCE school leavers and holders of Diploma of Children's Services, or equivalent, and international students. Students may study full time or part time. The program is being offered in selected regional TAFE sites across Victoria.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education teaches students to apply an understanding of child development, curriculum theories and pedagogies in designing and implementing child-centred, play-based and developmentally appropriate programs in childcare, preschool and primary school contexts. Students also learn to identify and respond positively to contemporary issues and the changing work context within early childhood and primary education.

This course has been adapted to meet new national and international standards in early childhood education, and includes a primary teaching component, allowing students to teach children up to 8 years of age. The course meets the requirements of the relevant accrediting authorities for working in early childhood and primary school settings.

BENEFITS

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education provides a range of opportunities, including:

- career opportunities in childcare, preschool and primary school settings
- study and work at the same time in your local community
- a quality higher education pathway from Diploma of Children's Services into Bachelor of Early Childhood (BECE)
- a highly specialised course in early childhood education (birth–8 years).

COURSE DELIVERY

- The Deakin at Your Doorstep delivery mode uses state-of-the-art video conferencing learning centres, specialised early childhood teaching staff and locally trained tutorial support officers.
- This course will be conducted in four regional partner institutions from 2014:
 1. Chisholm – Dandenong, Mornington Peninsula and Bass Coast campuses
 2. South West TAFE – Portland Campus
 3. SuniTAFE – Swan Hill Campus
 4. Kangan Institute – Hume Global Learning Centre, Craigieburn
 5. Deakin West – Werribee
- The delivery model of the BECE course is highly flexible and allows students to study and gain this qualification while continuing to work in early childhood education.
- This unique learning environment links students studying the course throughout Victoria, with immediate real time feedback from lecturing staff and one-on-one support from the relevant campus.

THE COURSE PROVIDES:

- options of studying without the expense of relocating to attend on campus at a university
- teaching and learning in a real life context, giving students opportunities to apply theory into practice and become fully prepared professional early childhood teachers
- supervised professional experience in a range of early childhood and primary school settings
- existing holders of Diploma of Children's Services to upgrade their qualifications
- highly specialised content in early childhood (birth–8 years).



COURSE SUMMARY DETAILS

- Credit for Prior Learning: the degree provides a pathway for TAFE graded Diploma of Children's Services (or equivalent) graduates allowing 25 per cent Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) in line with the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) standards (i.e. 8 credit points block credit).
- Students can choose to study the course over nine trimesters (three Deakin academic years), including supervised professional experience OR choose to study the course over four academic years (32 credit points over eight trimesters).
- Supervised professional experience: minimum 110 days – including early childhood and primary school settings.
- Delivery mode: mixed mode – online and face-to-face.
- Applicants: VET/TAFE Diploma of Children's Services holders.
- Commencing: Trimester 1, March 2014.
- Teacher registration: Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT).

ENTRY DETAILS

VET/TAFE Diploma of children's Services holders

Applicants entering into the second year of the program from a VET-based pathway must have successfully completed: a graded Diploma of Children's Services or equivalent early childhood qualification from a VET/TAFE institution or other approved registered training organisation; and a current Level 2 First Aid Certificate.

Non-Year 12 (or equivalent applicants)

For non-VCE (or equivalent) applicants, selection is based on evidence that indicates suitability for teaching, including levels of English and Mathematics achieved in any previous study and work related experience that demonstrates literacy and numeracy.

DEAKIN AT YOUR DOORSTEP LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

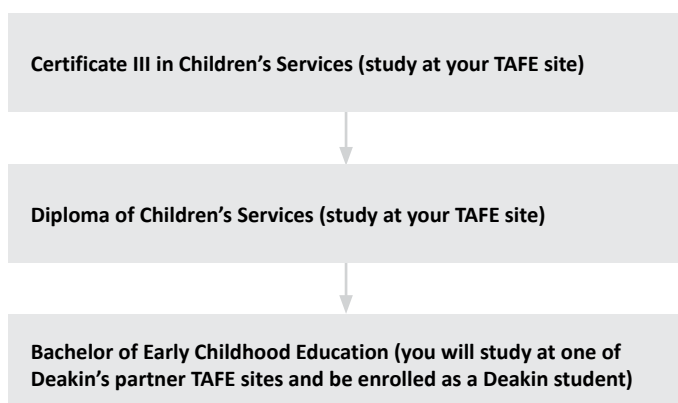
To assist with the financial costs of further education, Deakin University will offer scholarships to students studying the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education. One scholarship will be available at each of our partner TAFE campuses and students enrolling full time in the course will be eligible to apply.

For more information visit deakin.edu.au/doorstep. Copies of the scholarship application form will also be available at each of our TAFE sites.

Deakin also offers a range of generous scholarships for students from recognised equity groups to support them in their studies at the University. These include scholarships for students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to access higher education.

For more information on Deakin scholarships, please visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

To study Deakin's Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, what path should I take?



Career opportunities

- Early childhood teacher, centre director, coordinator, preschool field officer, or adviser in government programs
- Kindergarten teacher
- Primary school teacher
- Opportunities also exist in government agencies, community services or not-for-profit organisations

Possible further study

- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours)
- Higher Degree by Research (e.g. Masters by coursework/research, Doctor of Philosophy)



CAMPUSES

South West TAFE, Portland

South West Institute of TAFE's Portland Campus is located in the historical seaside town of Portland. The area is surrounded by national parks and rugged coastline, making it a popular tourist and fishing destination. The Portland Campus offers a wide range of innovative training and educational programs that have been implemented to support the needs of the industries and individuals of the local community.

The Portland Campus reflects the culture of the town – relaxed, friendly and accessible. Staff provide support and guidance to ensure students gain the most out of their studies with support services including the library, study skills tutoring, careers counselling, disability support, personal counselling referrals, accommodation and childcare assistance.

The campus also provides brand new training facilities equipped with the latest communication technologies including wireless networks and video conferencing.

Chisholm Mornington Peninsula Campus

Chisholm's Mornington Peninsula Campus located at Rosebud offers a centre of learning excellence that is responsive to local needs and supports the region's business and industry. It delivers education and skills training designed to meet community, employment and business requirements.

The campus has excellent facilities including network wireless access throughout.

Chisholm's Mornington Peninsula Campus provides industry relevant training and placement programs to enhance student learning.

Other services include the Chisholm shuttle, a public transport service linking the Rosebud town centre and main bus routes to the campus as well as a range of student support services including study skills, careers and employment advice, counselling, assistance and support.

Chisholm Dandenong Campus

A large commercial and retail hub, Dandenong is located 35 km south-east of Melbourne. Chisholm's Dandenong Campus is one of the institute's largest campuses, and is home to students from a range of cultures and backgrounds, which adds to the richness and diversity of the campus. Located close to shopping centres, cafés and recreational areas, students also enjoy on-campus facilities including wireless network access throughout the campus. A range of student support services are available including study skills, careers and employment advice, counselling, assistance and support. Chisholm's Dandenong Campus offers a centre of learning excellence that is responsive to local needs and supports the region's business and industry. It delivers educational and skills training designed to meet community, employment and business requirements.

Chisholm Bass Coast Campus

Located in the growing town of Wonthaggi, Chisholm Bass Coast offers quality education and training designed to meet community, employment and business needs in the region. In addition to on-site, many courses are delivered direct to workplaces throughout Bass Coast.

Chisholm Bass Coast offers full training resources for people wanting to move into a career in children's services. Modern classrooms with integrated learning resources for tourism, children's services, community services, aged care, business administration, financial services and building and construction. Network wireless access is available throughout the campus.



CAMPUSES

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE, Swan Hill

Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SuniTAFE) is the largest provider of vocational education and training services in north-west Victoria. The Institute offers more than 350 courses covering 33 industries across four campus locations – Mildura, Swan Hill, Robinvale and Mallee (Ouyen).

Swan Hill is nestled on the banks of the Murray River, and is home to SuniTAFE's Swan Hill Campus. State-of-the-art facilities provide a learning environment strongly featuring heavy vehicle trade education and other vocational areas such as health, business and community services.

On-campus facilities include student support services such as study skills, a Koorie Unit, learning resources, counselling and referral services. Students also have access to the Swan Hill Regional Library.

Kangan Institute

With more than 40 000 enrolments each year, Kangan Institute is a major training provider for the automotive, aerospace, health and nursing sectors and Indigenous education. It also has a strong presence in a range of industries such as fashion and business, as well as justice and legal.

As one of the state's largest providers of apprenticeship and traineeship training, Kangan Institute has strong relationships with many businesses. It caters for students seeking industry-relevant training in a wide range of disciplines and on-site training options to suit the unique needs of the individual learner or organisation.

Courses offered range from basic certificate to diploma and advanced diploma levels, with pathways to more than 20 university degrees.

Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn

The newest addition to learning in the City, the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn offers the growing local community a space to learn, share knowledge and inspire creativity. The contemporary building features iconic architectural design with facilities including IT training rooms, meeting rooms, as well as a large multipurpose room equipped with the latest audio-visual presentation equipment.

In addition to meeting and event space, the stunning Craigieburn Library houses a collection of more than 60 000 items. Offering all the benefits of a traditional public library, the facility incorporates the best features of modern learning centres, including a children's storytelling area and dedicated youth space.

The onsite café provides the perfect spot for meetings, study and catch-ups with friends. Occasional care for children is available to ensure all members of the community can access the array of learning opportunities offered by the centre.

The Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn is adjacent to Craigieburn Central.

Access

Located on the corner of Central Park Avenue and Aitken Boulevard the centre is accessible by car, train and bus.

Car – Free parking is available in the car park directly behind the centre.

Train – Craigieburn train station is located just over three kilometres from the centre with direct connections to and from the Melbourne CBD.

Bus – Bus number 529 provides direct connection from Craigieburn train station to Central Park Avenue. Get off at Central Park Avenue for a 5 minute walk to the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn.

Ask for the *Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn Transport Access Guide* for full details.

Visit www.hume.vic.gov.au/humemultiversity or phone 03 9356 6999 for more information about the Hume Global Learning Centre or the Hume Multiversity initiative.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COSTS

Indicative 2014 annual fee is \$5870*. BECE students have access to a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) which means the government pays a portion of the tuition costs.

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place is one for which the university receives some government funding. As such, students enrolled in these places are required to contribute only part of the cost of their course. To be eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place you must be an Australian citizen, or a New Zealand citizen or a holder of a permanent visa who will be residing in Australia for the duration of your unit/s of study.

* The cost of each unit offered in 2014 can be viewed from the unit search at deakin.edu.au/current-students/courses/unit-search.php.

How do I pay?

You can pay upfront at the start of each trimester and receive a discount, or use HECS-HELP (Higher Education Contribution Scheme) to deliver payment. Repayments are made through the Australian taxation system once your annual income exceeds the minimum threshold for payment. To check if you are eligible for HECS-HELP and to find out what your responsibilities are as a Commonwealth Supported Student please refer to the website www.studyassist.gov.au.

HOW TO APPLY

Do I apply through VTAC?

No. You apply directly to Deakin University by completing a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education application form available at deakin.edu.au/doorstep. Hard copies will also be available at your TAFE site.

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Kangan Institute CRICOS Provider Code: 01218G
South West Institute of TAFE CRICOS Provider Code: 01575G
Sunraysia Institute of TAFE CRICOS Provider Code: 01985A

When can I apply?

You can apply directly to Deakin any time until 13 February 2014.

Mode of study

Mixed mode intensives. Three times a trimester and online discussions and learning modules (intensives will be delivered to each of our TAFE sites via video conference). Full time or part time offered.

How will I know if I have been selected?

You will receive notification from Deakin with directions on how to accept or decline your offer.

How do I enrol?

Details will be provided in your offer email.

How much time will I be studying the BECE each week?

Generally you would be expected to be engaged both in and out of class and each unit would require approximately 3–4 hours of study per week.

Professional placement

There will be a minimum of 110 days of supervised professional experience. These placements will be undertaken in educational settings other than your current workplace.

KEY DATES

Please refer to: deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/important-dates/trimester-dates.

How does the trimester system work?

There are three trimesters:
Trimester 1 runs from February/March to June/July
Trimester 2 from June/July to October/November
Trimester 3 from October/November to February.

There is an intra-trimester break and a inter trimester break between each trimester. Study in Trimester 3 is optional.

Where can I find out more information?

Please visit our website deakin.edu.au/doorstep or email Cheryl Finnigan at c.finnigan@deakin.edu.au, phone 03 5563 3087.

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