

# Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education



Burwood (Melbourne)  
Online

Gain a dual-accredited degree that allows you to teach in early childhood and primary school settings at the #5 university in the world and #1 in Australia for education and educational research.\*

## Course essentials

**Deakin code:** E334

**Location:** Burwood (Melbourne), Online. You may also apply for alternative entry for this course through the National Indigenous Knowledges Education Research Innovation (NIKERI) Institute.

**Duration:** 4 years full-time or part-time equivalent

**Intakes:** T1 (March)

## Course overview

If you're passionate about children's education, Deakin's Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education opens the door to a range of inspiring career opportunities. Spanning the early childhood and primary education sectors, our dual-accredited degree focuses on contemporary issues in children's learning and development, curriculum theories and pedagogies, discipline knowledge and the changing work context within early childhood and primary education.

Through our Professional Experience Program, you'll not only gain vital practical knowledge and skills but invaluable insight into the classroom environment in early childhood and primary education settings.

With the option to combine your personal interests with a range of curriculum areas, you'll undertake placements in early childhood and primary school settings that enrich and solidify your studies, so you graduate with the confidence and aptitude to meet the significant growth of the Australian early childhood education sector.

## Professional experience

Working with more than 1400 schools and early childhood settings across Australia, a dedicated team will help you find the right placements based on your residential location and mode of transport. We'll arrange at least 115 days of placements for you in early childhood and primary school settings where you'll learn from experienced teachers, and facilitate ongoing communication between yourself and Deakin staff to ensure that you have the best opportunity to develop as a teacher.

You are required to obtain a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) prior to undertaking professional experience placements.

## Professional recognition

This course is accredited by the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) and Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as a nationally recognised primary and early childhood teaching qualification. Graduates of this course will be eligible to register with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT). Graduates who are intending to apply for registration interstate may be required to provide further information. Interstate applicants are advised to check the registration requirements in their state or territory carefully.

## The Deakin difference

When you join Deakin, you join the #1 university in Australia and #5 in the world, for education and educational research.\* Our achievements can be partially attributed to our close links with the education sector, which help us ensure our courses are developed and reviewed with industry standards in mind. In addition, our teaching staff offer expert knowledge and have been recognised as leaders and innovators in their fields. These standards mean you can be confident that what you learn with us will be relevant to your future career.

Studying online at Deakin means you learn at your own pace, when and where it suits you, without compromising quality or support. With over 40 years of experience with distance and online learning, we know how to support your unique study journey. You will have access to lectures, online study guides, and can participate in live-streamed seminars and discussions. You'll also be able to attend three conferences per year: two online and one at the Waurin Ponds Campus, where you'll engage with early childhood researchers, professionals and peers.

## Career opportunities

Graduates of this dual-accredited degree have the flexibility to work in early childhood and primary school settings. You will have the option to work in early childhood settings as an early childhood teacher, educational leader, coordinator or adviser and as a primary teacher from foundation through to grade 6. Graduates may also find work in community services, education organisations, government agencies and not-for-profit organisations.

[deakin.edu.au/teaching](https://deakin.edu.au/teaching)

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\*U.S. News & World Report, Best Global Universities Subject Rankings 2022–2023

'Over the years, my confidence and professional knowledge has grown so much. I never thought I would be achieving what I am today, and it is because of all the incredible staff at Deakin, their support has been wonderful over the years, they are so knowledgeable and are always there when you need it.'

Emily Bartlett  
Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education



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## Course structure

To be awarded a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education a student must successfully complete 32 credit points comprising:



### Primary teaching specialisations:

- language other than English
- literacy
- mathematics
- science

## A pathway into your dream course

The Diploma of Early Childhood Education serves as an approved pathway into this course. Eligible students may receive up to 8 credit points of recognition for prior learning towards their degree. Find out more at [deakin.edu.au/RPL](https://deakin.edu.au/RPL), you can also use the pathways finder tool to discover how to get into your dream course when you don't quite meet the entry requirements at [deakin.edu.au/pathways](https://deakin.edu.au/pathways).

## Entry requirements

Ready to find out more? Visit our course webpage for full details including pre-course and entry requirements (including the Casper test and Working with Children Check), unit selection options and campus and trimester availability.

## LANTITE

Students are also required to complete units ELN10 and ELN1011 as part of the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) and unit DAI001 Academic Integrity Module in order to graduate from their course. These units do not contribute towards course credit. Refer to [deakin.edu.au/teaching](https://deakin.edu.au/teaching) for a complete course structure breakdown. We recommend that students seek assistance from a student adviser.

## Applying to Deakin

### Apply through VTAC

Current year 12 students can apply through VTAC: [vtac.edu.au](https://vtac.edu.au)

### Apply direct to Deakin

All other applications can be submitted directly to the university: [deakin.edu.au/apply](https://deakin.edu.au/apply)

**APPLY NOW**

## We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- **Study support**
- **Career services**
- **Online study experience**
- **Fees and scholarships**
- **Health and wellbeing**

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