Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education

Gain a dual-accredited degree that allows you to teach in early childhood and primary school settings at one of Australia’s top 5 universities for education.*

Course essentials

Deakin code: E334
Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Cloud (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)

*On campus requirement of two intensive conferences at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus per trimester

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. 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 1,400 schools and early childhood settings across Australia, a dedicated team will help you find the right placements based on your interests, skills, 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.

deakin.edu.au/teaching

Professional recognition

This course is currently undergoing approval by the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) and Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as an early childhood and primary teaching qualification in Australia. Graduates of this course who are intending to apply for qualification in Victoria or interstate may be required to provide further information. Check the requirements relating to this process at vit.vic.edu.au.

The Deakin difference

When you join Deakin, you join one of the top 5 universities in Australia for its education courses. We’re proud to have received this ranking from the prestigious QS World University Rankings by Subject (for 2021); awards which are informed by the opinions of academics and employers, as well as our research impact.

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.

We also offer access to a vibrant online community in Deakin’s Cloud Campus. With over 40 years of experience and distance and online learning, we know how to support your unique study journey. You will have access to lectures, resources, and can participate in live-streamed seminars and class discussions. You’ll also be able to attend two conferences per trimester at the Waurn 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 could work in early childhood settings as early childhood teachers, educational leaders, coordinators or advisers and as primary teachers from foundation through to grade 6. Graduates may also find work in community services, education organisations, government agencies and not-for-profit organisations.

Early Childhood Scholarship

Students applying for the Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education are eligible to apply for the early childhood scholarship to become a teacher to receive up to $25,000 from the Victorian Government. More information can be found at education.vic.gov.au
The most rewarding aspect of my course at Deakin has been the learning opportunities gained throughout the professional experience program. I have had the privilege of working alongside children and mentors in settings from birth to Grade 6, who have inspired growth in all areas of my teaching practice, and enriched my love for learning and confidence in teaching.

Caitlin Potter
Bachelor of Education (Early Years)* student

*Course now titled 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:

- 30 credit points of core units
- 115 days of professional experience
- 2 credit points of primary specialisation

Primary teaching specialisations:

- literacy
- science
- mathematics
- language other than English

Entry requirements

Entry for applicants with recent secondary education (previous three years)

- Minimum ATAR of 70
- VCE Units 1 and 2 of General Mathematics or Maths: Mathematical Methods OR Maths: Specialist Mathematics, OR Units 3 and 4 of Mathematics (any)
- a study score of at least 35 in English EAL (English as an additional language) or 25 in English other than EAL

Refer to the VTAC Guide for all pre-requisite information: [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au)

Entry for applicants with previous Tertiary, VET, life or work experience

- a graded Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (or equivalent) with a minimum WAM (Weighted Average Mark) of 60% OR
- attainment of an ungraded Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care AND successful completion of STAT test or UNItest OR
- other evidence of ability to meet the academic demands of the course AND successful completion of STAT.

Casper test

All applicants must complete an additional selection tool for non-academic attributes. Casper is an online, video-based situational judgment test designed to measure personal and professional characteristics. You will be required to enter the following ID number when registering for the test: DU202UG.

Find out more at [deakin.edu.au/casper](http://deakin.edu.au/casper)

Applying to Deakin

Apply through VTAC

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

Apply direct to Deakin

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

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

Pathways into Deakin

Use the pathways finder tool to discover how to get into your dream course when you don’t quite meet the entry requirements: [deakin.edu.au/pathways](http://deakin.edu.au/pathways)

A pathway into your dream course

The Bachelor of Early Childhood 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](http://deakin.edu.au/RPL)

*Students are also required to complete units EU0130 and ELN011 as part of the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) and unit AASS38 Academic Integrity in order to graduate from their course. These units do not contribute towards course credit. Refer to [deakin.edu.au/teaching](http://deakin.edu.au/teaching) for a complete course structure breakdown. We recommend that students seek assistance from a student adviser.

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