

Associate Degree of Education

Burwood (Melbourne)
Wairn Ponds (Geelong)
Warrnambool



The Associate Degree of Education is your pathway to becoming a teacher. Build valuable study skills and start achieving your goals sooner.

Course essentials

Deakin code: E200

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Wairn Ponds (Geelong), Warrnambool

Intakes: T1 (March)

Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Course overview

Begin your journey to becoming a teacher by studying an Associate Degree of Education. You'll complete core units from the Bachelor of Education (Primary), and develop the foundational skills to succeed as both a university student and a teacher, including effective communication, digital literacy and critical thinking.

Whether you're looking to forge a path in education, have never studied at university or are unsure if you meet the entry requirements, this degree is designed to introduce you to what it's like to study at Deakin and set you on the pathway to becoming a teacher.

You will benefit from smaller class sizes, state-of-the-art technology and outstanding facilities. Our study support services will ensure you receive the guidance you need, with access to online resources, student mentors and learning advisers.

Career opportunities

The Associate Degree of Education supports you to develop the academic skills and confidence you need to successfully articulate into the Bachelor of Education (Primary). Students who graduate from the Associate Degree of Education and the Bachelor of Education (Primary) may find careers in:

- Australian and overseas primary schools (where VIT registration is recognised) at all year levels
- government departments
- public service
- health and welfare organisations
- private academies and agencies.

Deakin's Bachelor of Education (Primary) is accredited with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT), ensuring that graduates are eligible to apply for registration as teachers in Victoria and throughout Australia.

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The Deakin difference

Deakin is the number 1 university in Australia and number 5 in the world, for education and educational research.*

We maintain close links with the education sector to ensure our courses are developed and reviewed with industry and professional input. You'll be taught by teaching staff with industry experience, recognised as leaders and innovators in their fields, so you can be confident that what you learn at Deakin will be relevant to your career in education.

Units of study

To qualify for the Associate Degree of Education, students need to complete 16 credit points of study and a 0-credit-point compulsory Academic Integrity Module (DAI001).

YEAR 1	
Communication Skills for Study and Work	Digital Literacy: Finding, Evaluating and Interpreting Information
Teamwork: Working Constructively with Others	Engaging and Exploring Arts Education
Understanding Early Reading Development	Humanities Through Experimental Pedagogy
Foundations of Science Knowledge and Practice	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics
YEAR 2	
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Using Analysis to Develop Solutions	Social Contexts of Education
Perspectives on Learning and Teachers' Work	Australian Indigenous Education: Recognition, Relationships and Reconciliation
Primary Specialisation Unit 1	Primary Specialisation Unit 2
Primary Physical Education	Elective

Rated #1 for student satisfaction

Deakin university has the highest level of overall student satisfaction among universities in Victoria for twelve years in a row.*

*Australian Graduate Survey (2010–15) and the Graduate Outcomes Survey, QILT (2016–22)

Entry requirements

Ready to find out more? Visit our course webpage for full details including pre-course and entry requirements, unit selection options and campus and trimester availability.

Applying to Deakin

You can apply directly to Deakin University: deakin.edu.au/apply

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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**
- **Fees and scholarships**
- **Health and wellbeing**

Frequently asked questions

How long does it take to complete the Associate Degree of Education and the Bachelor of Education (Primary)?

You can complete both qualifications within five years of full-time study. You can receive credit for up to 12 credit points towards the Bachelor of Education (Primary). The remaining four credit points in the Associate Degree of Education introduce you to university-style learning in a supportive environment and help build your academic skills before starting the bachelor degree.

Do I need to re-apply for entry into the Bachelor of Education (Primary) once I've completed the Associate Degree of Education?

Once you've successfully completed all 16 credit points in the Associate Degree of Education you will need to complete an articulation form for entry into the Bachelor of Education (Primary). You will be guaranteed entry, subject to meeting the requirements of the target degree.

Can I take the Associate Degree of Education and enter an education degree at a different institution?

Deakin's Associate Degree of Education is an accredited VIT education pathway program, and therefore it can provide a pathway into any Victoria accredited Initial Teacher Education program; however, the amount of credit for prior learning may differ.

Do I need to continue on to complete the Bachelor of Education (Primary) or can I choose to graduate with the Associate Degree of Education?

The Associate Degree of Education is an accredited stand-alone higher education qualification. You can graduate with this qualification once you successfully complete the 16 credit points.

To become a qualified teacher and apply for registration in Victoria you will need to successfully complete the Bachelor of Education (Primary).

You can defer your study and return at a later date to complete the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and still apply for recognition of prior learning.

Can I articulate into the Bachelor of Education (Primary) before completing two years (16 credit points) of the Associate Degree?

Before completing all 16 credit points from the Associate Degree, you can apply for direct entry into the Bachelor of Education (Primary), but you are not guaranteed a place. You will still need to meet all the course entry requirements.



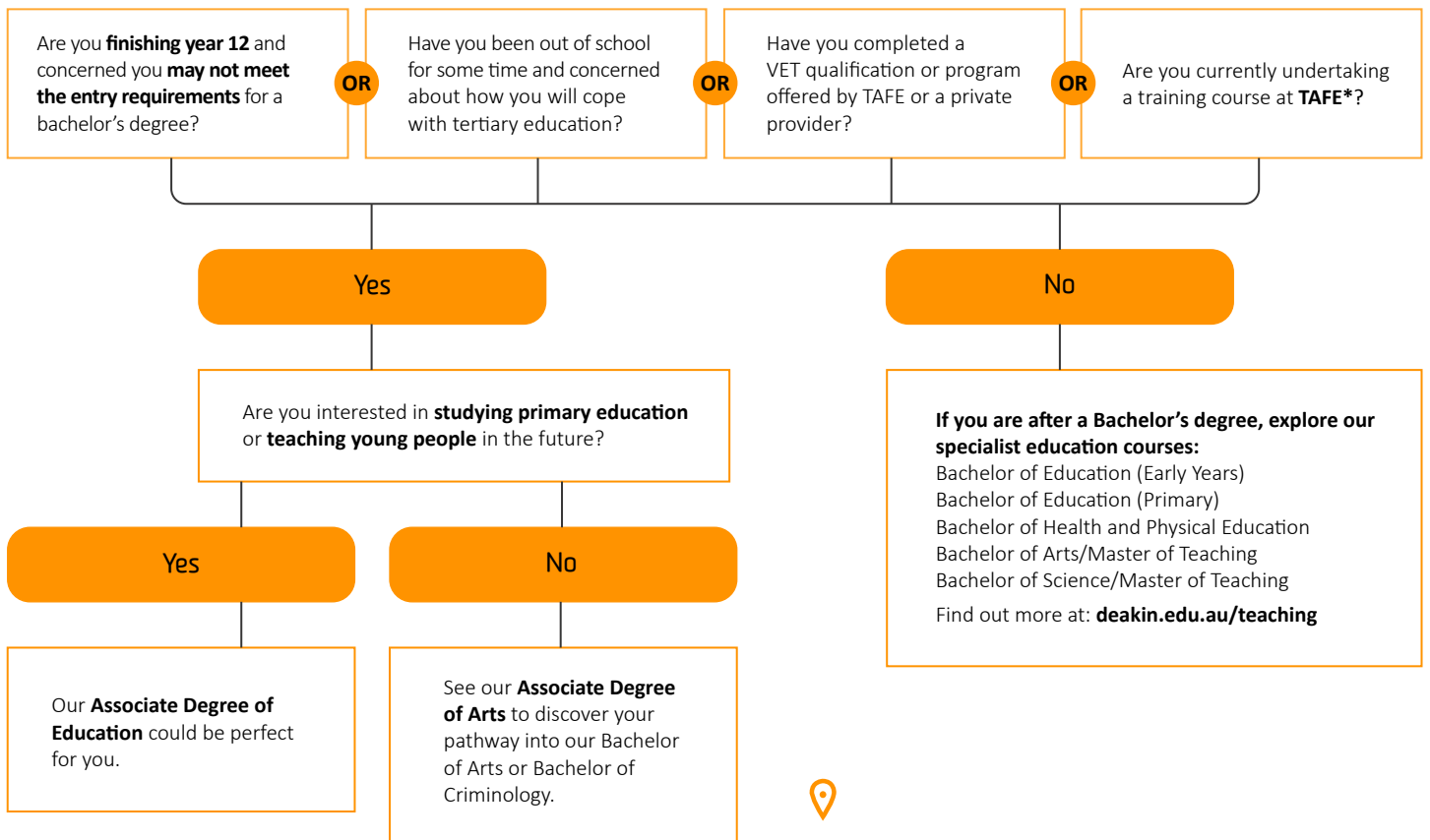


‘There have been a range of opportunities at Deakin for me to develop my personal teaching and life skills. Along with education based personal development sessions on campus, I was able to commit to a Global Experience Program which took me over to Vancouver, Canada.’

Mitchell Norton
 Bachelor of Education (Primary) graduate
(The target degree of the Associate Degree of Education)

Discover more student stories on the Arts and Education Content Hub.

Find out if the Associate Degree of Education is right for you.



*Students with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care, or a Diploma of Early Childhood Education, may be eligible for recognition of prior learning.



Completing one of Deakin's associate degrees will ensure you are well prepared to be a successful university student.



'Since graduating I have been successful in gaining employment at my fourth-year placement school. I am so excited to begin my teaching career and to take everything that I have learnt into the classroom.'

Emma Kelly

Bachelor of Education (Primary) graduate

(The target degree of the Associate Degree of Education)



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