

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education



Burwood (Melbourne)
Online

Study to become a qualified early childhood teacher in just three years at one of Australia's top 5 universities for education.¹

Course essentials

Deakin code: E333

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

Duration: 3 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Intakes: T1 (March)

Course overview

If you're moved to help shape the next generation, Deakin's Bachelor of Early Childhood Education offers you an accessible pathway into the industry.

In this three-year degree, you will explore early childhood education curriculum theories and pedagogies, child development, health and wellbeing, professional studies; and learn how to teach the key discipline areas of literacy, mathematics, science and the arts.

As your skills progress, you'll undertake professional placements through Deakin's Professional Experience Program, gaining both practical knowledge and skills to teach children aged birth to 5 years. Experience learning across a range of early childhood settings and graduate with the confidence and aptitude to meet the significant growth of the Australian early childhood education sector.

Professional experience

Deakin's Professional Experience Program is a key part of your course, ensuring you have the practical skills needed from day one of your teaching career. Working with 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 80 days of placements for you in early childhood settings where you'll learn from experienced educators, and facilitate ongoing communication between yourself and Deakin staff to ensure 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 program is approved by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as an early childhood teaching qualification in Australia. Graduates of this course who are intending to apply for registration in Victoria or interstate may be required to provide further information. Applicants are advised to check the registration requirements in their state or territory, carefully.

The Deakin difference

When you join Deakin, you join one of the top 5 universities in Australia for its education courses. We are 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.

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'll have access to lectures and study guides, and can take part in live-streamed seminars and discussions. You can also attend one conference per trimester – two online and one at the Waurn Ponds Campus, where you'll engage with early childhood researchers, professionals and peers.

Career opportunities

Deakin graduates are qualified to work in early childhood settings as an early childhood teacher, educational leader, coordinator or adviser. Graduates may also find work in community services, consultancy, NGO's, education organisations, government agencies and not-for-profit organisations.

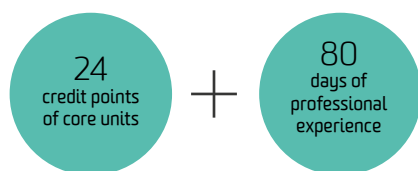
Early Childhood Scholarship

Students applying for the Bachelor of Early Childhood 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.



Course structure¹

To be awarded a The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education a student must successfully complete 24 credit points comprising:



Entry requirements

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

- VCE Units 1 and 2 of General Mathematics OR Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics, OR Units 3 and 4 of Mathematics (any) AND
- 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

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

- Full or partial completion of a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (or equivalent) OR
- Full or partial completion of an Australian Higher Education award (or equivalent) e.g. Certificate IV level or higher

Alternative entry

- Other evidence of ability to meet the academic demands of the course and successful completion of STAT test or UNITest

All applicants must meet the [minimum English language requirements](#).

Recognition of prior learning

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education provides students with an approved pathway from the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (previously Diploma of Children's Services) offered through TAFE. 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.

Applying to Deakin

Apply through VTAC

Current year 12 students can apply through VTAC: vtac.edu.au

Apply direct to Deakin

All other applications can be submitted directly to the university: deakin.edu.au/apply

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- [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

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¹ Students are also required to complete unit AA1018 Academic Integrity in order to graduate from their course. This unit does not contribute towards course credit. Refer to deakin.edu.au/teaching for a complete course structure breakdown. We recommend that students seek assistance from a student adviser.

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