



DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

CRICOS Code
102714F

Attendance Mode
Full-Time, Part-Time

Study Mode
On-Campus

Campus Locations
Melbourne, Sydney

This higher education diploma is your pathway to an exciting career as an early childhood educator where you will gain the contemporary body of knowledge and skills to educate children from birth to five years across a variety of settings. You will study the significance of the learning and development that occurs between birth and starting school for every child. You will learn about educational theory and contemporary approaches to empower you to design and deliver programs that enhance each child's learning dispositions and cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development skills. Throughout the two years, you will be provided with the opportunity to develop skills in play pedagogy; safety, health and wellbeing; documentation, planning and assessment; sustainability education; working with families and communities; understanding and guiding children's behaviour; diversity and inclusion; curriculum approaches and teaching strategies. As part of the Diploma of Early Childhood Education, you will also actively engage in two professional experience placements with babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers in a variety of early childhood education settings.

This qualification is recognised in the Australian Qualifications Framework



Career Opportunities

The course prepares graduates for an exciting career as an early childhood educator with the skills to educate children from birth to five years in early childhood settings. Graduates will also be eligible for further education to become an early childhood teacher.



Professional Accreditation

The course is approved by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as a Diploma Level Educator Qualification.



Course Fees

For information on fees and payment options refer to ikon.edu.au/fees/

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Diploma of Early Childhood Education*



COURSE STRUCTURE

There is a total of 16 subjects (including two professional experience placements).

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Trimester 1		Trimester 1	
EPRO101 Professional Practice		EPRO201 Theoretical Perspectives and Pedagogy	
EPRO103 Holistic Child Development		EDEV202 Understanding and Supporting Exceptionality	
ECUR105 Exploring Play and Documentation		ETCH203 Understanding and Guiding Behaviour	
Trimester 2		Trimester 2	
EPRO104 Diversity and Equity		EPRO204 Working with Families and Communities	
EPRO105 Safety, Health and Wellbeing		ETCH205 Sustainability Perspectives in the Early Years	
ETCH106 Development, Assessment and Planning (3-5 years)		ETCH206 Development, Assessment and Planning (0-3 years)	
Trimester 3		Trimester 3	
ETCH107 Exploring Creativity		ECUR207 Curriculum Approaches and Teaching Strategies	
PLAC907 Professional Experience (3-5 years)		PLAC908 Professional Experience (0-3 years)	

Delivery

Course delivery is a combination of on-campus lectures, tutorials, out of class self-directed study and workplace learning. You should allow for 3 hours per subject for on-campus lectures and tutorials. For each subject, you should then spend approximately 10 hours per week for self-directed study to complete prescribed readings, practice skills, research, study and complete assessments.

Admission Criteria

You must meet one of the following requirements:

- Australian Secondary School Certificate with a minimum ATAR 60
- Completion of a VET qualification at Certificate IV level or higher
- Completion (or partial) of a higher education qualification

Applicants who finished senior secondary school more than two years ago and have not undertaken any accredited study may gain entry in recognition of their work and life experiences. You must be at least 21 years of age when you commence your studies and are required to submit a written admission statement of 300 to 500 words outlining your reasons for wanting to study early childhood education.

For more course information, please visit ikon.edu.au/diploma-of-early-childhood-education/

HOW TO APPLY

The first step in the admission process is to complete an Online Application for Enrolment Form. The application form can be accessed via ikon.edu.au/application-process/. The Admissions Team will contact you to discuss the next steps towards an interview.

ENQUIRIES

Course Advisory Team

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