

DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

CRICOS Code
102714F

Campus Locations
Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney

Duration
2 Years, Full-Time
(or part-time equivalent)

Intakes
February, May, September

Study Mode
On-Campus,
Online Learning¹

**Australian Qualifications
Framework (AQF)**
Level 5

Be the inspiration every young child needs.

Our Higher Education Diploma of Early Children Education is your pathway to an exciting career as an early childhood educator. You will gain a contemporary body of knowledge and skills to educate children from birth to five years using play pedagogy across a variety of early childhood settings.

Throughout the two years of the diploma, you will be provided with the opportunity to develop skills in professional practice; play and documentation techniques; holistic child development; inclusion, diversity and equity; safety, health, wellbeing and wellness; documentation, assessment, and planning for 0-6 year olds; creativity; theoretical perspectives and pedagogy; working with families and communities; sustainable practices; pedagogical documentation and contemporary curriculum provision. You will also actively engage in two professional experience placements with babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers in a variety of early childhood education settings.

The Diploma of Early Childhood Education will prepare you to be a competent, skilled, and transformative early childhood educator.

This qualification is recognised in the Australian Qualifications Framework.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course prepares graduates for an exciting career as an early childhood educator with the skills to care for and educate children from birth to transitioning to school across a variety of early childhood settings. Graduates will be eligible for further education to become an early childhood teacher.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The course is recognised by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as an approved early childhood qualification for Diploma Educators under the National Quality Framework.

DELIVERY

Course delivery is a combination of lectures, tutorials, self-directed study and professional experience placements. You should allow for approximately 3 hours per subject for 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 additional time to complete assessments.

COURSE FEES

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

¹International students may study up to one-third of the subjects in a course online. Domestic students may study the full course online.

ADMISSION PATHWAYS

Academic Admission Criteria

- Applicants with Recent Senior Secondary Education (within the past two years) must have completed an Australian Senior Secondary Certificate (Year 12) or equivalent.
- Applicants with Higher Education (HE) study must have undertaken a higher education qualification (or at least a semester of study).
- Applicants with Vocational Education and Training (VET) study must have completed a vocational qualification at Certificate III level or higher.
- Applicants with Work/Life experience who left senior secondary education more than two years prior to their application, and have not undertaken VET or HE study since.
- International applicants must have an English Language Proficiency Score of IELTS 6.5 (Academic) with no skills band less than 6.0, or equivalent.

Non-Academic Admission Criteria

All applicants must submit a 600-word statement outlining reasons for wanting to become an early childhood teacher, and may be required to participate in an informal interview with an Ikon representative.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit ikon.edu.au/apply/ and complete the form. A member of our team will contact you to discuss your next step in the application process.

DOMESTIC ENQUIRIES

P 1300 613 801 (Ext 1)

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INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRIES

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COURSE STRUCTURE

The course consists of 16 subjects including two placement subjects. You must successfully complete all subjects to graduate with the Diploma of Early Childhood Education (96 credit points).

Each academic year consists of three study periods called trimesters. Each trimester consists of eleven weeks of teaching plus one exam week.

A full-time study load is eight subjects per year across three trimesters. A part-time study load is typically five subjects per year.

YEAR 1

Professional Practice

Exploring Play and Documentation

Holistic Child Development

Diversity and Equity

Safety, Health and Wellbeing

Development, Assessment & Planning (3-5 years)

Exploring Creativity

Professional Experience (3-5 years)

YEAR 2

Theoretical Perspectives and Pedagogy

Understanding and Supporting Exceptionality

Understanding and Guiding Behaviour

Working with Families and Communities

Sustainability Perspectives in the Early Years

Development, Assessment & Planning (0-3 years)

Curriculum Approaches and Teaching Strategies

Professional Experience 2 (0 to 3 years)



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