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(Early Childhood)
GradCertEd(ECE)

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2 AMENDMENTS

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3 PURPOSE

These Program Regulations set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus.

4.2 Student Availability
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) is available for enrolment to domestic and international Students with a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration
The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) with ACECQA accreditation is 0.625 years of equivalent full-time study. The volume of learning for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) without ACECQA accreditation is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

4.5 Maximum Duration
The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is 2.5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

4.6 Study Mode
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood)) is offered in Internal / External / Intensive and Semi-Intensive mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) meets the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) accreditation requirements. External accreditation requirements apply for students requiring an initial early childhood qualification accredited by the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). To obtain the Accreditation students must complete a practicum within the Award.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 University Admission Requirements
To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the University's minimum requirements for admission. The requirements for admission are detailed in the University’s Policy: Admissions.

5.2 Academic Requirements
Academic requirements for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) are:
5.3 English Language Test Scores
Education students who have English as an Additional language and are admitted on the basis of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assessment, or an equivalent English language proficiency assessment, are only admitted if they have attained an overall IELTS (or equivalent) score of 8.0 (with no score below 7 in any of the four skills areas and a score of no less than 8 in speaking and listening.

5.4 Specific Program Requirements for Admission
To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.
5.4.1 Hold the equivalent of a four year teaching qualification; and
5.4.2 Have a GPA of at least 2.5 or higher; and
5.4.3 Have at least three years of professional experience in either an early childhood or primary education setting.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Students requiring an initial early childhood teaching qualification must undertake a fifth course, the elective practicum option in order to meet ACECQA’s accreditation requirements.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) graduates will be able to:

1. Critically apply and reflect on advanced knowledge and understandings of specialised educational theory and practices within the domain of early childhood education and care.
2. Critically evaluate issues pertaining to early childhood education and care through gaining recent international perspectives on child development and early years pedagogy.
3. Use cognitive, technical and creative skills with initiative and a high level of personal autonomy and accountability to generate understanding of complex issues in curriculum studies within school contexts in early childhood education and care.
4. Use communication and technical skills to implement, justify and interpret critical issues in early childhood education and care.

7.2 Required Courses
To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) students must complete a minimum of 100 Units of Credit as outlined in Appendix A.

7.3 Elective Courses
To obtain the ACECQA Accredited Award, student must complete one additional elective as outlined in Appendix A.

7.4 Honours
There is no honours component in this program

7.5 Course substitutions
Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean.
## 8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Regulations, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective
LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood)

FOUR (4) Compulsory Courses

- EDUC6003 Holistic Development in Early Childhood
- EDUC6004 Early Childhood Curriculum Development
- EDUC6243 Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching
- EDUC6244 Integration in Early Childhood Development

One (1) Elective Course to for students requiring ACECQA Accreditation

- EDUC6801 Professional Experience Postgraduate (for the ACECQA approved qualification)