



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood)

*School of Education, Fremantle Campus*

***The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) enables primary qualified teachers to gain a professional accreditation to work in the early school years. The program, which consists of five courses, includes 12 weeks of practical teaching experience across both childcare and school settings. The program is equivalent to 0.75 of a full-time load and will take approximately 18 months to complete, depending on the course offerings each year.***

## **Why study this degree?**

Are you a four-year trained teacher who would like to know more about Early Childhood education? Our Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood), which uses a combination of face-to-face classes and online

tuition, provides specialised study for those wishing to develop their skills and qualifications to teach in the early years.

This postgraduate program covers topics such as Holistic Development in Early Childhood, Early Childhood Curriculum Development, Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching, and Integration in Early Childhood Education. If you do not have any prior training in Early Childhood Education, you will also be required to complete a practical component. This involves two weeks with babies and toddlers (aged 0-2 years) within a childcare context and 10 weeks with children aged 3-5 years within a school or childcare setting.

Graduates of this program may choose to enrol for a Master's at Notre Dame.

## **Program summary**

### **Primary trained teachers**

This selection of five courses, including a practicum, is an ACECQA approved qualification.

- Holistic Development in Early Childhood
- Early Childhood Curriculum Development
- Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching
- Integration in Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Practicum Experience: Two weeks with babies and toddlers (0-2 years) within a childcare context and 10 weeks with children aged 3-5 years within a school or childcare context

### **Early childhood trained teachers**

- Holistic Development in Early Childhood
- Early Childhood Curriculum Development
- Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching
- Integration in Early Childhood Education

Students may commence in Summer Term (January), in Semester 1 (February) or April Intensive, in Winter Term (July), in Semester 2 (July) or October Intensive, subject to course availability.

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the [Program Regulations \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0015/414/Certificate-in-Education.pdf\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/414/Certificate-in-Education.pdf).

## **Real-world experience**

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements and internship programs, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

## **Entry requirements**

A student applying for the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education should:

- Hold the equivalent of a four year primary teaching qualification;
- Hold a Teacher Registration; and
- Have a minimum of three years' teaching experience

## **Fees**

More information can be found at the [Fees \(https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees\)](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) page.

## More information

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood), please call our Prospective Students Officer on +61 8 9433 0533 or email [future@nd.edu.au](mailto:future@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:future@nd.edu.au>).

All international enquiries should contact the International Students Office on [international@nd.edu.au](mailto:international@nd.edu.au) (<mailto:international@nd.edu.au>).

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**Duration:** 0.625 years full-time or equivalent part-time

**Campus:** Fremantle

**Practical Component:** 12 weeks

**Loan Scheme:** FEE-Help

**Study mode:** Intensives, External (online)

**Code:** Program Code 4069

**Commencement:** Semester 1 or Semester 2