



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education

School of Education, Sydney Campus

Intended to be completed over one year of part-time study, the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education is designed for qualified primary teachers who would like to work in a variety of prior-to-school settings. This is also suitable for practicing primary teachers seeking to deepen their knowledge and understandings about contemporary early years pedagogy and practice. Because we understand that you might have existing responsibilities, the program is flexible enough to fit into your existing work and family commitments. Three of the courses are delivered as one week intensives during three school holiday periods, while the fourth is a 60 day professional experience placement with the possibility of recognised relevant workplace experience. There is also

the possibility of undertaking this experience in your current birth to five setting. As part of your professional experience placements, you will be expected to complete these in a range of birth to five settings.

Why study this degree?

Our Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education is designed for primary school teachers who wish to upgrade their qualifications so that they can teach children from birth to eight years. This postgraduate program, which can be completed in one year of part-time study, will provide you with the knowledge and skills to plan, teach, assess and evaluate play-based pedagogy. Over the course of your studies, you will be introduced to the latest educational theories and also undertake an extensive workplace practicum in a number of teaching environments.

At the completion of the program, you will have the official accreditation to teach in prior-to-school settings. This will build on your capacity to put theory into practice in relation to meeting the needs of children aged birth to eight years, with a predominant focus on birth to five years.

Program summary

- Pedagogy, Programming and Planning in the Early Years
- Learning Environments and Play in the Early Years
- Ethical Leadership and Management in the Early Years

- Professional Experience in Early Years Settings

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the Program Regulations

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0014/411/Certificate-in-Early-Childhood-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; and
- Be eligible for Registration as a teacher with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA); and
- Provide evidence from their initial teaching qualification of a focus on the 3 to 8 years continuum and the Early Years Learning Framework.

Students who do not meet the last entry requirement will be required to complete the bridging course (EDUC5025 Bridging Course: Introduction to Early Childhood Education)

Fees

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

FEE-HELP

The FEE-HELP loan scheme assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index. Please note, from 1 January 2019, students studying an undergraduate program at the University of Notre Dame will no longer be charged the 25% FEE-HELP loan fee.

For further information, or for indicative fees for domestic or international students, please visit our [Fees page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees>).

More information

For more information on the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 2 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au (<mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au>).

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

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Duration: 1 year part-time, equivalent to 0.5 year full-time

Campus: Sydney

Practical Component: 60 days

Loan Scheme: FEE-Help

Study mode: Intensives

Code: Program Code 4147

Commencement: 11 January 2021

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