

BACHELOR OF ARTS (PATHWAY TO TEACHING BIRTH - 5/BIRTH - 12) (1708)

Approved Abbreviation: BA
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1708
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 086119G

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2018 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

For Commencement Year 2018 - please refer to 1708.4 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1708.4>)

For Commencement Year 2017 - please refer to 1708.3 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1708.3>)

For Commencement Year 2015-2016 - please refer to 1708.2 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1708.2>)

For Commencement Year 2013-2014 - please refer to 1708.1 Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth - 12)

The Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5 / Birth - 12) provides students with the opportunity to complete an Arts degree with an Arts major alongside the specialist Birth - 5 / Birth - 12 Education Studies subjects.

Graduates of this degree are eligible for direct entry into the Master of Teaching (Birth - 5 Years / Birth - 12 Years) via the Transition to Teaching pathway. Completion of both the Bachelor's and Master's programs provides a teaching qualification for early childhood (Birth - 5 Years) or early childhood and primary teaching (Birth - 12 Years). Eligible students will receive advice during their final study session in the Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5 / Birth - 12) regarding how to accept an offer into the Postgraduate program to attain a teaching qualification.

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Charles Barbour

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Bankstown City Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Bankstown City Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Penrith Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

Admission

Assumed knowledge: 2 units of HSC Mathematics and 2 units of HSC English or equivalent.

Recommended studies for school leavers: Band 4 or above in both HSC English and HSC Mathematics or equivalent; or a completed Diploma of Children's Services or relevant VET award.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Students must complete 60 credit points at Level 3 or higher.

All students must enrol in and complete 120 credit points of Arts subjects as follows.

- 40 credit points Bachelor of Arts Core
- 80 credit points Arts Major

And

120 credit points of Education subjects as follows.

- 20 credit points Education Studies Core (Birth - 5 / Birth - 12)
- 80 credit points Education Studies Major (Birth - 5 / Birth - 12) subjects
- 40 credit points teaching minor in either English or Mathematics (choose one of the two minors below).
- Note: some subjects are common to the core or major and the minors. Therefore, students will only need to complete a total of 120 credit points of Education Studies subjects.

Students must complete 60 credit points at Level 3 or higher.

Bachelor of Arts core subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
HUMN 1053	Diversity, Language and Culture	10
HUMN 1052	Australian Politics and Active Citizenship	10
Total Credit Points		40

Equivalent Core Subjects

The core subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2019 or earlier.

HUMN 1002 - Analytical Reading and Writing, replaced by LANG 1029 Foundations of Academic English
 HUMN 1005 - Australia and the World, replaced by HUMN 1052 Australian Politics and Active Citizenship
 HUMN 1009 - Contemporary Society, replaced by HUMN 1053 Diversity, Language and Culture
 LANG 1026 - Texts and Traditions, replaced by LANG 1030 Thinking Critically About Texts and Society

BA Majors

Anthropology, Major (0002) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/anthropology-major/>)
 Arabic, Major (0003) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/arabic-major/>)
 Chinese, Major (0004) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/chinese-major/>)
 Creative Writing, Major (0005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/creative-writing-major/>)
 Culture and Society, Major (0264) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/culture-society-major/>)
 English, Major (0009) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-major/>)
 Geography and Urban Studies, Major (0010) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/geography-urban-studies-major/>)
 History and Political Thought, Major (0013) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/history-political-thought-major/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies, Major (0015) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-major/>)

International English, Major (0018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-major/>)

International Relations and Asian Studies, Major (0019) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-relations-asian-studies-major/>)

Islamic Studies, Major (0020) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/islamic-studies-major/>)

Japanese, Major (0021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/japanese-major/>)

Linguistics, Major (0022) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-major/>)

Music Performance, Major (0023) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/music-performance-major/>)

Musicology, Major (0025) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/musicology-major/>)

Organisations and Work, Major (0026) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/organisations-work-major/>)

Philosophy, Major (0028) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/philosophy-major/>)

Psychological Studies, Major (0029) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/psychological-studies-major/>)

Sociology, Major (0030) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sociology-major/>)

Education Studies (Birth-5/Birth-12) Core Subjects

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete the core subjects below (20 credit points):		
TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically	10
TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships	10
Total Credit Points		20

Education Studies Major (Birth-5/Birth-12) Subjects

Education Studies (Birth - 5/Birth - 12), Major (0156) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/education-studies-birth-5-birth-12-major/>)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete 80 credit points as follows.		
TEAC 7015	Children, Families, Communities	10
TEAC 2009	Contemporary Childhoods	10
TEAC 2015	Diversity and Difference	10
TEAC 7037	Early Learning Environments	10
TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10
TEAC 7057	Becoming an Exemplary Teacher	10
TEAC 1032	The Developing Child	10
TEAC 7147	Play, Health and Wellbeing	10
Total Credit Points		80

Teaching Minor (Birth-5/Birth-12)

Students must enrol in and complete one of the Teaching Specialisations (minors) below.

Mathematics Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12)

Mathematics Teaching Specialisation (Birth - 5/Birth -12), Minor (0157) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/mathematics-teaching-specialisation-birth--5birth-12-minor/>)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Students must complete 40 credit points as follows.		
TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically	10
TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships	10
Select two of the following:		20
MATH 1001	Analysis of Change	
MATH 1006	Discrete Mathematics	
MATH 2010	Linear Algebra	
MATH 1026	Quantitative Thinking	
MATH 1030	Statistics for Business	
Total Credit Points		40

English Teaching Specialisation (Birth-5/Birth-12)

English Teaching Specialisation (Birth - 5/Birth -12), Minor (0158) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-teaching-specialisation-birth-5-birth-12-minor/>)

Subject	Title	Credit Points
Core subjects		
Students must complete 40 credit points as follows.		
LANG 1029	Foundations of Academic English	10
LANG 1030	Thinking Critically About Texts and Society	10
And select two subjects (20 credit points) from the following English majors:		20
Total Credit Points		40

Creative Writing, Major (0005) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/creative-writing-major/>)

English, Major (0009) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-major/>)

International English, Major (0018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/international-english-major/>)

Linguistics, Major (0022) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-major/>)

Students may also take the subject INFO 2009 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/subject-details/info2009/>) Multiliteracies (10 credit points) towards the 20 credit point requirement above.

Replaced Majors and Minors

The majors and minors listed below count towards completion of this Program for students who began studying these majors and minors prior to the years indicated below.

M1052 Cultural and Social Analysis, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1052.1>), replaced by Culture and Society, Major in 2020 (listed above).

M1054 History and Political Thought, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1054.1>), replaced by History and Political Thought, Major in 2020 (listed above).

M1108 International English, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1108.1>), replaced by M1129 International English, Major in 2018.

M1129 International English, Major (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=M1129.1>), replaced by International English, Major in 2020 (listed above).

SM1130 Mathematics Teaching Specialisation (Birth - 5/Birth -12), Minor (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/specialisation.aspx?unitset=SM1130.1>), replaced by Mathematics Teaching Specialisation (Birth - 5/Birth -12) (listed above).

Recommended Sequence

Note that the number of Bachelor of Arts core subjects on offer each session will vary depending on your campus of enrolment.

Full-time start year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)		10
Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)		10
Select one BA Core or BA Major Subject		10
TEAC 2009	Contemporary Childhoods	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)		10
Select one BA Core or BA Major subject		10
Select one BA Core or BA Major subject		10
TEAC 1032	The Developing Child	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
Select one BA Major Subject		10
Select one BA Major Subject		10
TEAC 2015	Diversity and Difference	10
Select one of the following:		10
TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically	
TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships	
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
Select one BA Major Subject		10
Select one BA Major Subject		10
TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10
Select one of the following:		10
TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically	
TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships	
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
Select one BA Major Subject		10
TEAC 7015	Children, Families, Communities	10
TEAC 7147	Play, Health and Wellbeing	10

Select one subject from the English or Mathematics Specialisation	10
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Credit Points	40
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Spring session

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 7057	Becoming an Exemplary Teacher	10
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TEAC 7037	Early Learning Environments	10
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Select one subject from the English or Mathematics Specialisation	10
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Credit Points	40
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Total Credit Points	240
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Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
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Year 1**Spring session**

Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)	10
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Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)	10
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Select one BA Core or BA Major subject	10
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TEAC 1032	The Developing Child	10
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Credit Points	40
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Autumn session

Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)	10
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Select one BA Major subject	10
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Select one BA Core or BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 2009	Contemporary Childhoods	10
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Credit Points	40
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Year 2**Spring session**

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10
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Select one of the following:	10
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TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically
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TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships
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Credit Points	40
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Autumn session

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 2015	Diversity and Difference	10
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Select one of the following:	10
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TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically
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TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships
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Credit Points	40
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Year 3**Spring session**

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 7057	Becoming an Exemplary Teacher	10
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TEAC 7037	Early Learning Environments	10
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Select one subject from the English or Mathematics Specialisation	10
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Credit Points	40
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Autumn session

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 7015	Children, Families, Communities	10
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TEAC 7147	Play, Health and Wellbeing	10
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Select one subject from the English or Mathematics Specialisation	10
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Credit Points	40
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Total Credit Points	240
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Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care Graduates

For graduates of the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 200 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
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Year 1**Autumn session**

Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)	10
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Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)	10
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Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Depending on campus of enrolment, select one of the following: 1	10
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One BA Core subject (Level 1)

TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships
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One English/Maths Specialisation subject
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Credit Points	40
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Spring session

Select one BA Core subject (Level 1)	10
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Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Select one BA Core subject / BA Major subject	10
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Select one of the following:	10
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TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships
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One English/Maths Specialisation subject
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Credit Points	40
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Year 2**Autumn session**

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Select one English/Maths Specialisation subject	10
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Select one of the following:	10
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TEAC 1024	Mathematical Patterns and Relationships
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TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically
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Credit Points	40
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Spring session

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 7057	Becoming an Exemplary Teacher	10
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TEAC 7037	Early Learning Environments	10
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Select one of the following:	10
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Select one BA Major Subject

TEAC 2029	Fundamentals for Working Mathematically
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Credit Points	40
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Year 3**Autumn session**

Select one BA Major Subject	10
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Select one BA Major Subject	10
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TEAC 7015	Children, Families, Communities	10
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TEAC 7147	Play, Health and Wellbeing	10
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		200

Note: students may opt to include two additional subjects in Year 3 Autumn from either the Mathematics or English minor in order to complete four specialisation subjects and meet the BA component of the NESA teaching specialisation.

¹ The number of BA core subjects on offer in Autumn or Spring will vary depending on your campus of enrolment.