

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD) (1926)

Effective from: 2023

Approved Abbreviation: BEd(EarlyCh)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1926

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 110869J

This program applies to students who commenced in 2023 or later. This program is only available to domestic student in 2023.

Handbook Summary 2023

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) is a 4 year degree specifically designed as an initial teacher qualification, equipping graduates with the specialist knowledge and skills to teach effectively in early childhood settings with children from Birth to 5 years.

Students will attend an on-campus intensive workshop block prior to each professional practice placement. Students will also develop a professional e-portfolio throughout the course of the degree to demonstrate their capacity to work successfully as a graduate teacher.

Handbook Summary 2024

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) equips graduates to teach effectively across the early childhood sector with children Birth - 5 years and their families. Early childhood teachers play a pivotal role in children's learning, development and wellbeing. Students will learn how to foster children's creativity, curiosity, imagination and resilience through an integrated and responsive play-based curriculum. Students will build leadership and advocacy skills to prepare for their professional role working in diverse communities.

The program is flexible, providing both on campus and/or online learning options to accommodate the wide range of student commitments. Study options include part time, full time and accelerated mode. Students will undertake professional experience in early childhood education and care settings.

Credit for prior learning may be available to students with a Diploma, including a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113) or (CHC50121). Further information is available on the Pathways website (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/tertiaryeducationpathwaysandpartnerships/home/>).

Program Logic

The Program Logic is embedded throughout all Initial Teacher Education programs at Western Sydney University. It explains how each subject contributes to the journey to become a Graduate Teacher. The Program Logic includes three phases: Foundation, Development and Transition. In each of these phases, pre-service teachers develop essential knowledge and skills by learning about evidence-based pedagogies and practices, enabling their successful transition to teaching.

Foundation: Pre-service teachers will develop fundamental knowledge, skills, and attributes to support the beginning of their journey to become a teacher.

Development: Pre-service teachers will strengthen their pedagogical content knowledge, understanding of classroom management, and evidence-based pedagogical practices.

Transition: Pre-service teachers will consolidate the knowledge, skills, and attributes required for success as a Graduate Teacher, using evidence to inform and strengthen pedagogical practice.

Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 160 credit points with a 1927 Associate Degree in Early Education (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/associate-degree-early-years-education-exit-only/>).

Study Mode

Four years full-time and eight years part-time.

Program Advice

Enquirieseducation@westernsydney.edu.au
Enquirieseducation@westernsydney.edu.au

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
Campbelltown Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above
Campbelltown Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above

Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). Graduates will meet the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers at the Graduate level as required by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_teaching_courses_postgraduate/master_of_teaching_birth_to_5_yearsbirth_to_12_years/)

Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

Assumed knowledge: two units of HSC English and two units of HSC Mathematics

Recommended studies: HSC English Standard, HSC Mathematics or equivalent.

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Applicants who accept their offer will need to satisfactorily complete the online non-academic capabilities interview (QuEST).

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.

Special Requirements

Prior to enrolling in the professional experience subjects TEAC 2023 Engaging in Early Childhood Education, TEAC 3050 Professional Practice Birth - 3 Years, TEAC 4009 Professional Practice 3-5 years; students must:

- Satisfactorily complete the two components of the NSW Department of Education's Child Protection Awareness Training (CPAT) (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/)
- Satisfactorily complete the two components of the Working with Children Check (WWCC) (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/)
- Satisfactorily complete ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/soed/special_requirements/)

Students must update Child Protection Awareness Training annually and Anaphylaxis training bi-annually while enrolled in the program.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 320 credit points which includes 28 core subjects and 4 elective subjects as listed in the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
TEAC 1038	Literacy and Numeracy for Educators	10
TEAC 2009	Contemporary Childhoods	10
TEAC 1030	Science and Engineering in Early Childhood	10
TEAC 2065	Digital Childhoods	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
TEAC 1007	Creative Arts for Early Learning	10
TEAC 1032	The Developing Child	10
TEAC 2005	Learning Through Play	10
TEAC 2046	Pedagogy and Praxis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
Autumn session		
TEAC 2021	Early Childhood Curriculum and Pedagogy	10
TEAC 2001	Active and Healthy Childhoods	10
TEAC 2015	Diversity and Difference	10
TEAC 2023	Engaging in Early Childhood Education	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
TEAC 2056	Teaching Art in the Early Years	10
TEAC 3005	Critical Literacies	10
TEAC 2024	Engaging with Children, Families, Colleagues and Communities	10
TEAC 3047	Pedagogical Leadership	10
Students may exit at this point and graduate with the 1927 Associate Degree in Early Years Education on successful completion of 160 credit points.		
Credit Points		40
Year 3		
Autumn session		
TEAC 3049	Mathematics in Early Childhood	10
TEAC 3012	Global and Community Citizenship in Early Childhood	10
Select two electives		20
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10
TEAC 3026	Responsive Pedagogies	10
TEAC 3017	Learning Environments	10
TEAC 3050	Professional Practice Birth - 3 Years	10
Credit Points		40

Year 4			TEAC 2056	Teaching Art in the Early Years	10
Autumn session				Credit Points	40
TEAC 3028	Fostering Positive Behaviour in the Early Years	10	Autumn session	Global and Community Citizenship in Early Childhood	10
TEAC 4003	Early Literacies	10	TEAC 3028	Fostering Positive Behaviour in the Early Years	10
Select two electives		20	Select two electives		20
	Credit Points	40		Credit Points	40
Spring session			Year 4		
TEAC 4011	Inclusion in the Early years	10	Spring session		
TEAC 4004	Leadership, Research and Practice	10	TEAC 4011	Inclusion in the Early years	10
TEAC 4018	Management and Administration in Early Childhood Settings	10	TEAC 4018	Management and Administration in Early Childhood Settings	10
TEAC 4009	Professional Practice 3-5 years	10	TEAC 3017	Learning Environments	10
	Credit Points	40	Select one elective		10
	Total Credit Points	320		Credit Points	40
Full-time mid-year intake					
Course	Title	Credit Points	Autumn session		
Year 1			TEAC 4004	Leadership, Research and Practice	10
Spring session			TEAC 4009	Professional Practice 3-5 years	10
TEAC 1038	Literacy and Numeracy for Educators	10	TEAC 3049	Mathematics in Early Childhood	10
TEAC 1032	The Developing Child	10	TEAC 4003	Early Literacies	10
TEAC 2046	Pedagogy and Praxis in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education	10		Credit Points	40
TEAC 2005	Learning Through Play	10		Total Credit Points	320
	Credit Points	40	Graduates of the a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113 or CHC50121) who have received 80 credit points of pathways credit		
Autumn session			Full-time start-year intake		
TEAC 2009	Contemporary Childhoods	10	Course	Title	Credit Points
TEAC 1030	Science and Engineering in Early Childhood	10	Year 1		
TEAC 2065	Digital Childhoods	10	Autumn session		
TEAC 2001	Active and Healthy Childhoods	10	TEAC 1038	Literacy and Numeracy for Educators	10
	Credit Points	40	TEAC 2009	Contemporary Childhoods	10
Year 2			TEAC 1030	Science and Engineering in Early Childhood	10
Spring session			TEAC 2065	Digital Childhoods	10
TEAC 1007	Creative Arts for Early Learning	10		Credit Points	40
TEAC 3005	Critical Literacies	10	Spring session		
TEAC 2024	Engaging with Children, Families, Colleagues and Communities	10	TEAC 2056	Teaching Art in the Early Years	10
TEAC 3047	Pedagogical Leadership	10	TEAC 3005	Critical Literacies	10
	Credit Points	40	TEAC 2024	Engaging with Children, Families, Colleagues and Communities	10
Autumn session			TEAC 3047	Pedagogical Leadership	10
TEAC 2021	Early Childhood Curriculum and Pedagogy	10		Credit Points	40
TEAC 2015	Diversity and Difference	10	Year 2		
TEAC 2023	Engaging in Early Childhood Education	10	Autumn session		
Select one elective		10	TEAC 3049	Mathematics in Early Childhood	10
Students may exit at this point and graduate with the 1927 Associate Degree in Early Years Education on successful completion of 160 credit points			TEAC 3012	Global and Community Citizenship in Early Childhood	10
	Credit Points	40	Select two electives		20
Year 3				Credit Points	40
Spring session			Spring session		
TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10	TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10
TEAC 3026	Responsive Pedagogies	10	TEAC 3026	Responsive Pedagogies	10
TEAC 3050	Professional Practice Birth - 3 Years	10	TEAC 3050	Professional Practice Birth - 3 Years	10

TEAC 3017	Learning Environments	10	TEAC 4018	Management and Administration in Early Childhood Settings	10
	Credit Points	40		Credit Points	40
Year 3					
Autumn session					
TEAC 3028	Fostering Positive Behaviour in the Early Years	10	TEAC 4004	Leadership, Research and Practice	10
TEAC 4003	Early Literacies	10	TEAC 4009	Professional Practice 3-5 years	10
Select two electives		20	TEAC 3049	Mathematics in Early Childhood	10
	Credit Points	40	TEAC 4003	Early Literacies	10
				Credit Points	40
Spring session					
TEAC 4011	Inclusion in the Early years	10		Total Credit Points	240
TEAC 4018	Management and Administration in Early Childhood Settings	10			
TEAC 4004	Leadership, Research and Practice	10			
TEAC 4009	Professional Practice 3-5 years	10			
	Credit Points	40			
	Total Credit Points	240			
Full-time mid-year intake					
Course	Title	Credit Points			
Year 1					
Spring session					
TEAC 1038	Literacy and Numeracy for Educators	10	0009 English, minor (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/english-minor/)		
TEAC 2056	Teaching Art in the Early Years	10	Choose at least two subjects from the following		
TEAC 2024	Engaging with Children, Families, Colleagues and Communities	10	COMM 1004	Approaches to Text	
TEAC 3047	Pedagogical Leadership	10	LANG 1015	Introduction to Literary Studies	
	Credit Points	40	LANG 2035	Methods of Reading	
			LANG 3094	The Value of Literature	
			The other two subjects may be selected from the above list or from the additional pool subjects for this minor.		
			0022 Linguistics, minor (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/linguistics-minor/)		
			Choose at least two subjects from the following core subjects		
			LANG 3016	Bilingualism and Biculturalism	
			LANG 1014	Introduction to Linguistics	
			LANG 2034	Meaning in Language	
			LANG 3071	Second Language Acquisition	
			LANG 2041	Structure of Language	
			LANG 1028	The Sound of Language	
			The other two subjects may be selected from the above list or from the additional pool subjects for this minor.		
			0045 Child and Community, minor (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/child-community-minor/)		
			Students must complete 40 credit points from the subjects listed below.		
			WELF 2002	Community Work & Development	
			WELF 3006	Family Violence: Policy and Practice	
			WELF 3021	Disability Rights, Policy and Governance	
			WELF 1002	Context of Human Services	
			CULT 1022	Working with Cultural Differences	
			HUMN 2015	Community and Social Action	
			HUMN 2025	Families and Intimate Life	
			WELF 3001	Child Abuse as a Social Issue	
			WELF 2001	Community Management and Organisations	
Year 2					
Spring session					
TEAC 3009	Ethical Futures	10			
TEAC 3005	Critical Literacies	10			
TEAC 3017	Learning Environments	10			
Select one elective		10			
	Credit Points	40			
Autumn session					
TEAC 3012	Global and Community Citizenship in Early Childhood	10			
TEAC 3028	Fostering Positive Behaviour in the Early Years	10			
Select two electives		20			
	Credit Points	40			
Year 3					
Spring session					
TEAC 4011	Inclusion in the Early years	10			
TEAC 3026	Responsive Pedagogies	10			
TEAC 3050	Professional Practice Birth - 3 Years	10			

Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Sustainable Futures, Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/sustainable-futures-minor/#structuretext>)

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Urban Evolution (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)

Migration and Global Change (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)

Personal Innovation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)

Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)

Water for Life (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)

Climate Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)

Creative and Visual Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/>)

Global Workplaces (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)

Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)

Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor-/>)

Ideate.Strategise.Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)

Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective minor via Western Now.

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