

TEAC 7104 PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BIRTH - 2 YEARS

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102109

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Description In this subject student engage with theory and practice to develop an understanding of quality environments for children Birth – 2 years in early childhood education and care settings. This subject incorporates a 25 day supervised placement with a strong focus on supporting children's health and wellbeing through the building of relationships with children, staff, and children's families in care settings. Students will apply their knowledge of work health and safety and the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority's National Quality Standards as they develop and demonstrate responsive caregiving and educational practices. Students will apply knowledge of young children's learning and development and develop their skills in observation and assessment, planning, implementing and reflecting on engaging experiences that respond to children's family and community experiences and funds of knowledge. During the placement students will spend a minimum of 10 days working with children under 2 years. Students will present evidence of their developing capacity as teachers during an EXPO at the conclusion of placement. This subject is included in the Development Phase of the Master of Teaching program.

School Education

Discipline Teacher Education: Early Childhood

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Pre-requisite(s) TEAC 7147

Equivalent Subjects TEAC 7034 - Early Childhood Professional Experience 1

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1783 Master of Teaching (Birth-5 Years/ Birth-12 Years), 1784 Master of Teaching (Birth – 5 years), 1773 Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary) or 1774 Master of Teaching (Early Childhood).

Learning Outcomes

After successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate professional and ethical practice, including appropriate oral and written communication.
2. Evaluate professional goals that draw on graduate teacher standards, the early childhood placement and local community context and feedback from university and setting staff.
3. Provide culturally responsive curriculum and continuity of care for children, reflecting respect for the role of families and communities in children's learning and the diversity of child rearing practices, expectations and values families hold for their children.

4. Document and assess children's play, development, learning, relationships and dispositions in ways that identify children's capabilities and emerging understandings and build connections between children, families and educators.
5. Evaluate play-based experiences and learning centres that extend children's capabilities, interests and funds of knowledge, encourage exploration and creativity and promote social interactions and language.
6. Demonstrate understandings of the principles, practices and learning outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework and diverse languages, cultures and abilities in documentation and assessment of children's learning and in curriculum planning and interactions.
7. Interact with children in ways that support children's sense of identity and wellbeing, builds relationships, guides behaviour and extends their learning.
8. Create environments and practices that promote children's health, safety and wellbeing and reflect legal requirements and current recommendations in the areas of health and safety.

Subject Content

1. Professional and ethical practice
 - a. Australian Professional Standards for Graduate Teachers
 - b. The National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care
 - c. Legislation and recommendations for children's health, safety and wellbeing including healthy eating and physical activity
 - d. Work health and safety
 - e. Establishing and evaluating goals
 - f. Professional portfolios
 - g. Effective communication skills
 - h. Partnerships with families
2. Documentation and assessment of children's learning
 - a. Documenting individual children's family and community experiences and funds of knowledge
 - b. Documenting and analysing individual children's play, learning, dispositions and relationships.
3. Designing learning experiences & environments
 - a. Using the principles, practices and learning outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework and understandings of health, wellbeing and safety to design, implement and evaluate learning experiences and learning centres
 - b. Pedagogies that build relationships, guide behaviour and extend children's learning – e.g. scaffolding, co-construction, reinforcement.
 - c. Creating safe learning environments- choice of resources, positioning of experiences and people, supervision
4. Meaningful curriculum
 - a. Culturally responsive curriculum - Connecting to children's family and community experiences and funds of knowledge that demonstrates respect for diversity, inclusivity and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives
 - b. Dispositions – e.g. curiosity, cooperation, creativity
 - c. Learning processes – e.g. exploration, investigation, reinforcement, ZPD- the move from scaffolded to independent practice.
 - d. The place of explicit instruction – e.g. hand washing
 - e. Play-based curriculum and pedagogies.

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

1. Students are required to complete the **two** components of the Working with Children Check (WWCC) process leading to (a) the issuance of a clearance number under the category of either volunteer or paid and (b) verification of the clearance number with the NSW Department of Education.

a) Students will need to:

- i. Access the Commission for Children and Young People website and complete an online application form to generate an application number.
- ii. Present an application number and identification to a Service NSW office who will issue a Working with Children Check number via mail or email.
- iii. Submit the letter with a valid Working With Children Check number via WesternNow Student Portal. The document is trimmed and recorded as a Special Requirement on your academic record.
WesternNow Student Portal link
(https://wsu.service-now.com/student/?id=sc_cat_item&sys_id=9c8b61a2dbbed8504f58e434059619ed)

b) Students will need to:

- i. Access the NSW Department of Education WWCC Verification declaration form <https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/jecpc/crc/wwcc.jsf>
- ii. Carefully read the information about Identity Documents and obtain a copy of the relevant ID documents.
- iii. Complete and submit the verification declaration form.
- iv. Once your WWCC verification is complete you will receive an email reply from the DoE Probity Unit confirming your WWCC number has been verified.
- v. Submit the verification confirmation email via WesternNow Student Portal. The document is trimmed and recorded as a Special Requirement on your academic record.

2. Students must complete the NSW Department of Education's Child Protection Awareness Training (CPAT)

Students will need to:

- i. Access the NSW Department of Education's MyPL website <https://mypl.education.nsw.gov.au/>
- ii. Complete the online Child Protection Awareness Training: Induction
- iii. Save certificate of completion
- iv. Submit certificate via WesternNow Student Portal

The certificate will be recorded on your student record as Special Requirements. Students who have not completed the Child Protection Awareness Training will need to withdraw from the subject.

3. Students must complete the ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training and submit their certificate to Submit certificate via WesternNow Student Portal.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

| Type | Length | Percent | Threshold | Individual/ Group Task | Mandatory |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Professional Placement observations | 25 days (5 S/U days and 20 days supervised by mentor teacher) | Y | | Individual | Y |
| Presentatio | 10 minutes S/U | Y | | Individual | Y |

Prescribed Texts

- Arthur, L., Beecher, B., Death, E., Dockett, S., & Farmer, S. (2021). *Programming & planning in early childhood settings* (8th ed.). Cengage Learning Australia.
- Fleer, M. (2021). *Play in the Early Years* (3rd ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/9781108908153

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Bankstown City

On-site

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Spring (2025)

Bankstown City

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