

Bachelor of Education— The Early Years



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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION - THE EARLY YEARS (BIRTH - 5 YEARS)

ATAR: 70 / (DS 90)

DURATION: 4 years

STARTS: Autumn (March)

CRICOS: 064117B

LOCATION: Wollongong

Early Years education enriches learning in children from birth to five years by giving children the opportunity to maximise their potential and develop a foundation for lifelong learning. It focuses on the significance of early education to foster children's health, development and wellbeing.

Early years students will engage in continuous professional mentoring through the Professional Partners in Practice (PPP)

program. This will give you invaluable sector experience and professional connections that will enhance your employment pathways and opportunities.

CREDIT TRANSFER

If you have a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) you may apply for 1 year credit towards the Bachelor of Education - The Early Years. Mature Aged and Certificate III in ECEC students can apply through direct entry and will be considered on a case by case basis. A cover letter statement of suitability should be attached to the online application.

ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Education - The Early Years is accredited through the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

MODES OF DELIVERY

The Bachelor of Education - The Early Years is offered in two modes of delivery from 2017. You can study on-campus at Wollongong, with online lectures and weekly face-to-face tutorials, or in flexible mode.

Six reasons to study Early Years education at UOW

EARLY START

Early Start is a transformational project that aims to create and enrich life opportunities for young Australians from birth – 12 years. It aims to drive real social change through world class teaching programs that utilise 21st century technologies to connect regional and remote communities.

Early Start is connected with early childhood education and care services across NSW. Distinguished academics from Australia and overseas, with a focus on the earliest years of life, collaborate within the Early Start initiative to enrich teaching, learning and research.

Within the Early Start Facility is The Early Start Discovery Space - an exciting new destination for children and their families. The Discovery Space is like nothing else you've seen before, offering interactive playful experiences to inspire imagination and ignite a love of learning, integrated through the Early Years degree. UOW Early Years students have the opportunity to connect with this world first play and research initiative.

MENTORING AND SUPPORT

Students in The Early Years program undertake The Professional Partners in Practice (PPP) mentoring and professional development program. This program provides you with real world experience working with children in the context of their families and communities.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Professional Experience program gives you the opportunity to display your developing skills and expertise as a teacher in the community service sector. Throughout the degree students spend up to 16 weeks teaching in Early Childhood Education and Care Centres and two weeks in the Community and Family sector, complementary to the mentoring experience within the Professional Partners in Practice program.

PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

The School of Education has partnerships across the Early Childhood Education and Care sector which assists students to build professional links with educators throughout their degree. Professional development opportunities range from workshops, guest speakers and linking with the broader early childhood community through the Professional Experience, PPP programs and integrated activities.

FLEXIBLE AND ON-CAMPUS

The two delivery options in The Early Years program allow you to combine the convenience of online study with the personalisation of face-to-face learning.

During your study you will have opportunities for rural and international professional experiences, to study overseas with UOW's international exchange and study abroad partners and to join international cultural immersion programs.

The on-campus option allows the flexibility of online delivery combined with the regular university experience of weekly tutorials. Students residing in rural and regional areas or those working in the sector can enrol flexibly. Flexible delivery means lecture content and online activities will be delivered online, while tutorials will occur during a one week block at Wollongong Campus.

EXCITING CAREER PATHWAYS

The Bachelor of Education - The Early Years at UOW effectively prepares students for a number of potential career pathways. Our graduates are well prepared for teaching and leadership roles in Early Childhood Education and Care Services. In addition they are well equipped for research, management and advocacy and for early childhood roles in government and non-government sectors.



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I am passionate about early childhood education as quality teaching within the first five years provides the best possible foundation for a child's future life and learning. It's a time of awe and wonder where we can support children's imagination and development through a play based curriculum.

LARISSA JENKINS

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