Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care (GCCH)

Program Guide

About Your Program

To offer you a flexible learning journey with relevant and classroom-ready skills, we have made some improvements to your Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care (GCCH) program with the flexible academic calendar starting in **Trimester 1, 2024**.

This Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care (GCCH) guide contains all the information that you need to know about your program. The GCCH is a 4 credit point (4 course) program with at least sixty (60) days of professional experience.

This guide will support your learning journey for:

Section 1: Planning My Enrolment Pattern

New and Continuing Students

In the trimester academic calendar, new and continuing students will study in "trimesters" rather than "semesters". There are minimal changes to your enrolment pattern because current courses continue to be offered in the matching trimesters – for example, if a course was previously offered in semester 1, it will be offered in trimester 1.

The trimester calendar offers a great deal of flexibility to allow you to speed up or slow down your studies. It also allows you to study in all three trimesters in a calendar year and still have a break (approx. 6 weeks) in your studies over the end of year holiday period.

Continuing Students – Minor Change

For continuing students, there has been a minor change to EDU4160 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood.

The 2023 course is:

- EDU4160 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood

This course has changed with a new course code and name in 2024 to become:

- EDU4199 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood Professional Experience

If you have completed EDU4160 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood in Transition Semester 3 2023 or prior you will not be required to take any action.

If you have not yet completed EDU4160 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood, you will transition to EDU4199 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood Professional Experience. This course continues to be offered in trimester 3 and your progression in not affected.

Recommended Enrolment Patterns

This online and external program is comprised of four courses which can be completed in one year with enrolment in three consecutive semesters.

Students intending to complete the program in 1 year with three consecutive trimesters of study are advised to follow the recommended enrolment pattern with a Professional Experience placement every semester.

Commencing Trimester 1 (1+1+2 pattern)

Commencing Trimester 2 (1+2+1 pattern)

Commencing Trimester 3 (2+1+1 pattern)

Alternatively, you may choose to do fewer courses across the year. This might help you to balance work, study, family, professional experience placements and other commitments.

Professional Experience

The required 60 days of professional experience includes:

- 10 days with children under 3 years of age (birth-35 months)
- At least 20 days with children aged 3 – 5 years
- The remaining 30 days in an early childhood or other approved setting.

It is recommended you enrol into your professional experience courses well in advance of their commencement date (it is recommended you enrol during the preceding trimester). This allows the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) team sufficient time to source and confirm your placement. Please note, you can take a maximum of one professional experience course in each trimester. Dates for your professional experiences (placements) are available on the UniSQ Education Placements website.

Section 1: All About You – Planning My Enrolment Pattern

This section will help step you through your personalised enrolment pattern.

Firstly, a bit about you:

My Details	
Name	
Student Number	
Program	Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care (GCCH)
Commencing Date e.g. S1, 2023	
Number of Courses completed	
Approved credits	
Blue Card (WWCC) and expiry date	
Number of Courses remaining	
Expected Graduation Date	

Step 1

Use your admission information to check your enrolment and personal details.

If you are have been granted credit or if you have successfully completed courses download or print your unofficial transcript.

Step 2

Using your unofficial transcript, mark off each of your successfully completed courses and any courses that you have received credit. All successfully completed courses will contribute to your program.

The recommended enrolment patterns:

Commencing Trimester 1 (1+1+2 pattern)

Commencing Trimester 2 (1+2+1 pattern)

Commencing Trimester 3 (2+1+1 pattern)

Step 3

Things to consider when planning your enrolment:

- You will be required to meet any pre-requisites listed in the course specifications to enrol in that course.
- Courses are not offered every trimester.
- You are encouraged to take at least one professional experience course every year and you cannot take more than one professional experience course in the same trimester.

My Enrolment Pattern
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	Trimester 1	Offers	First Offer	Trimester 2	Offers	First Offer	Trimester 3	Offers	First Offer
Year (202)									
Year (202)									
Year (202)									

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Recommended Enrolment Pattern
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Commencing in Trimester 1 2024 (1+1+2 pattern)

	Trimester 1	Offers	Completed /Credit	Trimester 2	Offers	Completed /Credit	Trimester 3	Offers	Completed /Credit
Year 1 (2024)	EDM8017 Relating and Inquiring in Infant and Toddler Education and Care Contexts – **10 days**	1, 3		EDM5014 Planning for Learning: Curriculum, Play, Pedagogy - **20 days**	1, 2		EDM8018 Leading in Early Childhood	2, 3	
							EDU4199 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood - **30 days**	3	

Recommended Enrolment Pattern
Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care (GCCH)
Commencing in Trimester 2 2024 (1+2+1 pattern)

	Trimester 1	Offers	Completed /Credit	Trimester 2	Offers	Completed /Credit	Trimester 3	Offers	Completed /Credit
Year 1 (2024)				EDM5014 Planning for Learning: Curriculum, Play, Pedagogy - **20 days**	1, 2		EDM8018 Leading in Early Childhood	2, 3	
							EDU4199 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood – **30 days**	3	
Year 2 (2025)	EDM8017 Relating and Inquiring in Infant and Toddler Education and Care Contexts – **10 days**	1, 3							

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Recommended Enrolment Pattern
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Commencing in Trimester 3 2024 (2+1+1 pattern)

	Trimester 1	Offers	Completed /Credit	Trimester 2	Offers	Completed /Credit	Trimester 3	Offers	Completed /Credit
Year 1 (2024)							EDM8018 Leading in Early Childhood	2, 3	
							EDU4199 Numeracy, Literacy and STEM in Early Childhood- **30 days**	3	
Year 2 (2025)	EDM8017 Relating and Inquiring in Infant and Toddler Education and Care Contexts – **10 days**	1, 3		EDM5014 Planning for Learning: Curriculum, Play, Pedagogy - **20 days**	1, 2				

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