

Bachelor of Early Childhood (BECH) - BECh

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 908151; External: 908155;
Springfield campus: 928151

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056707B

Programs at UniSQ are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain professionally-relevant, in order to enhance the graduate outcomes of our students. This program is currently being re-accredited and is as a consequence likely to undergo some changes. Full details will be available when it is approved. If you have any questions, please [contact us](#) directly.

	On-campus	External
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Springfield, Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 7 years part-time	
Program articulation:	To : Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	

Notes:

In 2023 the program follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
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Professional accreditation

Graduates from the Bachelor of Early Childhood will have met the requirements of the [Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority \(ACECQA\)](#) and can apply for recognition of being an Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) in prior to school settings. Students outside of Australia should check with their relevant authority regarding accreditation requirements. Please note, students graduating from this program, in Queensland, are not eligible for teacher registration with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT).

Program objectives

Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Early Childhood program, students will be able to:

- (1) Apply understandings related to children's learning and their development as unique, capable and competent citizens with rights and responsibilities
- (2) Explain and use broad theoretical and contemporary frameworks of curricula and learning frameworks

- (3) Implement appropriate pedagogies, principles and practices across birth to eight years
- (4) Explain and implement ethically and socially responsible practices and behaviours aligned with the rights of the child, and administrative, legislative and regulatory requirements
- (5) Use active inquiry to investigate and respond to the capabilities, strengths, interests and needs of children and their families and communities from an ecological perspective and using professional judgement
- (6) Research and advocate for key issues of focus around child and family guided by an autonomous commitment to improving professional knowledge and practice
- (7) Apply effective communication strategies to establish, engage with, and nurture strong collaborative communities of practice so as to effectively and sensitively support and respond to families and children from diverse contexts and backgrounds .

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View UniSQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **62**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English (Units 3 & 4, C), or equivalent
- One of General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C), or equivalent
- Science subject (Units 3 & 4, C), or equivalent.
- [English Language Proficiency](#) requirements for Category 5. All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2023 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on

the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Bachelor of Early Childhood program is comprised of 24 units at undergraduate level (AQF Level 7) as follows:

- 23 [Core courses](#); and
- one Primary curriculum specialisation course ([Electives/Approved courses](#)).

Program completion requirements

Within the 24 units required to complete this program, there also is a strict professional experience requirement for a total of at least 80 days supervised placement, with the majority of placement days in Australian school or early childhood settings.

Please refer to [Professional Experience](#) for further information.

Required time limits

The standard duration for completion of this program is three years full-time or seven years part-time. Students have a maximum of seven years to complete this program.

Core courses

Core Courses	Semester of offer External/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester of offer Springfield Campus	Note:
EDC1000 Introduction to the Profession	1, 2	1	1	
EDC1001 Understanding Learner Development	1, 2, 3	1, 2	1, 2	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer and Semester 3 Online offer is not available in 2023.

ECL1100 Language Development and Early Literacy Learning [£]	1, 3	1	1	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
ECM1100 Early Mathematical Thinking [£]	1, 3	1	1	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer not available in 2023.
ECF1100 Foundations of Early Childhood	1, 2	1	1	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer not available in 2023.
EDC2200 First Nations Education	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
ECH1200 Early Years Health and Active Play	2		2	Semester 2 Springfield offer is not available in 2023.
EDE2010 Or (from Semester 2, 2022): EDU1100 Introduction to Professional Experience	1, 2	2	2	EDU1100 replaces EDE2010 from Semester 2, 2023.
EDE3103 Perspectives of Early Years Curriculum, Play and Pedagogy	1, 2		1	Semester 1 Springfield offer is not available in 2023.
ECA2100 Early Childhood Creativity and the Arts	1, 2	1	1	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer and Semester 2 Online offer is not available in 2022
EDE2201 Contexts for Learning and Development	1, 2	1	1	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
EDC2400 Educating Learners with Special Needs Across Contexts [£]	1, 2, 3	1, 2	1, 2	Semester 2 Springfield, Toowoomba and Online offer is not available in 2023.
EDX1000 Early Reading Instruction [£]	1, 3	1	1	
ECF2200 Relating with Families	2			

ECP2200 Childhood Resilience and Wellbeing	1, 2	2	2	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
ECP3200 Early Scientific Thinking and Inquiry	1, 2	2	2	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
EDE3009 Leadership and Professional Practices	1, 2			
ECF3100 Contemporary Approaches to Infant and Toddler Curriculum and Pedagogy	1, 2			
EHM1200 Mathematics in Early Primary[£]	1, 2, 3	2	2	Semester 2 Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023. Semester 1 Online offer not available in 2023.
EDX1250 Arts Curriculum and Pedagogy 1: Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music and Visual Arts[£]	1, 2, 3	1	1	Semester 2 Online offer is not available in 2023.
EDC2100 Supportive Learning Environments: Cultivating Effective Classrooms	1, 2	1	1	
ECL3100 Intercultural Communication in Early Learning Contexts[£]	1, 2, 3		2	Semester 2 Springfield and Online offer is not available in 2023.
ECL2200 English Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Primary 2	1, 2	2	2	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.

Footnotes

£ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

Electives/Approved courses

As detailed in the Program structure section of this Handbook, students are required to select one Primary specialisation course from the table below.

Course	Semester of offer External/Online	Semester of offer Toowoomba Campus	Semester of offer Springfield Campus
Choose one Primary curriculum specialisation course:			
EPS2002 Making and Responding Through the Arts	2		
EPS2004 Movement and Health	2		
EPS2005 Linking Through Languages	2		
EPS2006 Investigating in Science	2		
EPS2007 Children's Literature and Language	2		
EPS2008 Developing Mathematical Knowledge for Innovative Teaching	2		
EPS2009 Integrating the Humanities and Social Sciences Across the Curriculum	2		

Professional experience

Within the 24 units required to complete this program, there also is a strict Professional Experience requirement. These requirements consist of at least 80 days unsupervised placement within various settings with the majority of placement days in Australian school and early childhood settings. Students can only undertake a maximum of one course with a professional experience component in the one semester.

Of the required supervised professional experience, all students, domestic and international, must complete a minimum of 50% of the supervised placement in Australia.

Students must also hold a valid [Blue Card](#) within Queensland or hold a valid [Working with Children Check](#) as well as having completed any further training/certificates relevant to the state where they are completing their Professional experience.

For further information regarding professional experience and education placements, please visit the [UniSQ website](#).

IT requirements

For information technology requirements, please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Other program requirements

Students must maintain good standing in this program. Please refer to the [Academic Standing, Progression and Exclusion Procedure](#).

Students must also hold a valid [Blue Card](#) within Queensland or hold a valid [Working with Children Check](#) as well as having completed any further training/certificates relevant to the state where they are completing their [Professional experience](#).

Articulation

Students who complete this program may articulate to the [Bachelor of Education \(Early Childhood\)](#).

From 1 January 2018, all applicants for initial teacher education programs nationally, including UniSQ's [Bachelor of Education \(Early Childhood\)](#), must meet both *academic* and *non-academic* entry criteria, detailed in the [admission requirements](#) for the [Bachelor of Education \(Early Childhood\)](#).

Exit points

This program contains provision for two generic exit awards, as follows:

- Associate Degree in Education Studies (DAES) - available at the completion of 16 approved courses, 8 of which must be education courses; and
- Diploma of Education Studies (DPES) - available at the completion of 8 education courses.

Credit

Candidates eligible for admission into this program may be eligible for up to 16 units of credit on the basis of successful completion of relevant, equivalent undergraduate level study completed at a recognised university or institution.

Credit approved in this program will not automatically apply to other UniSQ programs. Claims for credit should be submitted prior to or at the time of enrolment. Each claim will be assessed on individual merit in line with the [Credit and Exemptions Procedure](#).

For instructions on applying for credit, please visit our [website](#).

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Before enrolling, BECH students who began their programs prior to 2018 should review their enrolment pattern by using the relevant program transition links in the [My Initial Teacher Education \(MyITE\) site](#).

Students are strongly encouraged to follow the recommended enrolment pattern for their program. This is particularly important in respect to Professional Experience. Delaying Professional Experience may delay program completion by up to three (3) years.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements	Comments
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
EDC1000 Introduction to the Profession	1	1			1	1,2	Must be enrolled in: BECH/BEED/BPED/BSED/BGEN/UCTE/UCTP/UCTS/UC CF BECH/BEED: Enrolment not permitted if EHF1100 has been completed BPED: Enrolment not permitted if EP P1100 has been completed BSED: Enrolment not permitted if ESF1100 has been completed	
EDC1001 Understanding Learner Development	1	1, 2			1	1, 2, 3	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in: BECH or BEED or BPED or BSED or BGEN. BECH/BEED/BPED only: Enrolment is not permitted if EDC1100 has previously been completed. BSED only: Enrolment is not permitted if ESD1100 has previously been completed.	Semester 2 Spring field and Toowoomba offer and Semester 3 Online offer is not available in 2023.

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
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ECL1100 Language Development and Early Literacy Learning [£]	1	1			1	1,3	Enrolment is not permitted in ECL1100 if EDX3270 has been previously completed.	Semester 1 Toowoomba and Springfield offer is not available in 2023.
ECM1100 Early Mathematical Thinking [£]	1	1			1	1,3	Enrolment is not permitted in ECM1100 if EDX3280 has been previously completed.	
ECF1100 Foundations of Early Childhood	1	1			1	1,2	Enrolment is not permitted in ECF1100 if EDC1400 has been previously completed.	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
EDC2200 First Nations Education	1	1,2			1	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: UCTE or UCTP or UCTS or BEED or BSED or BEDU or BECH or BPED	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
ECH1200 Early Years Health and Active Play	1	2			1	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEED or BEDU (Early Childhood) or BECH. Enrolment is not permitted in ECH1200 if EDC1300 has been previously completed.	Semester 2 Springfield offer is not available in 2023.
EDE2010	1	2	1	1,2				10 day supervised Professional Experience. Semester 2 Springfield, Toowoomba and External offer is not available in 2023.
Or (from Semester 2, 2022):								
EDU1100 Introduction to Professional Experience	1	2	1	2			Pre-requisite: EDC1000 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEDU or BECH or BEED or BPED or BSED Co-requisite: EDC1001 Enrolment is not permitted in EDU1100 if EDE2010 or EDC1400 or ESP1200 has been previously completed	Replaces EDE2010 from Semester 2, 2022.
EDE3103 Perspectives of Early Years Curriculum, Play and Pedagogy	1	1	1	1,2			Pre-requisite: EDU1100 or EDE2010 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEED or BEDU (Early Childhood) or BECH	15 day supervised Professional Experience. Semester 1 Springfield offer is not available in 2023.

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
ECA2100 Early Childhood Creativity and the Arts	2	1			2	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: UCTE or BEED or BEDU (Early Childhood) or BECH Enrolment is not permitted in ECA2100 if EDC2300 has been previously completed	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer and Semester 2 Online offer is not available in 2023.
EDE2201 Contexts for Learning and Development	2	1			2	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEED or BEDU (Early Childhood) or BECH	Semester 1 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
EDC2400 Educating Learners with Special Needs Across Contexts [£]	2	1,2			2	1,2,3		Successful completion of 8 courses is required before enrolment in EDC2400. Semester 2 Springfield, Toowoomba and Online offer is not available in 2023.
EDX1000 Early Reading Instruction [£]	2	1			2	1,3	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in: BECH or BEED or BPED or BGEN. BECH or BEED only: Enrolment is not permitted if EDX1170 or EHE1100 has been previously completed. BPED only: Enrolment is not permitted if EHF1100 has previously been completed.	
ECF2200 Relating with Families					2	2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEDU (Early Childhood) or BEED or BECH Enrolment is not permitted in ECF2200 if EDO2104 has been previously completed	
ECP2200 Childhood Resilience and Wellbeing	2	2			2	1,2	Enrolment is not permitted in ECP2200 if EDE4010 has been previously completed	Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
ECP3200 Early Scientific Thinking and Inquiry	2	2	2	1,2			Pre-requisite: EDE3103 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BEDU (Early Childhood) or BEED or BECH Enrolment is not permitted in ECP3200 if EDX3160 has been previously completed	15 day supervised Professional Experience. Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
EDE3009 Leadership and Professional Practices					3	1,2	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the fol	

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
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							lowing Programs: BEED or BEDU (Early Childhood) or BECH	
ECF3100 Contemporary Approaches to Infant and Toddler Curriculum and Pedagogy			3	1,2			Pre-requisite: ECF3200 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Program s: BEDU (Early Childhood) or BEED or BECH Enrolment is not permitted in ECF3100 if EDE2101 has been previous ly completed	15 day supervised Professional Experi ence
EHM1200 Mathematics in Early Primary £	3	2			3	1,2,3	Students must be enrolled in: BEDU(Early Child/Prim+SpecEd/SpecEd/HPE Primary/SHPE Prim) or BEED or BPED or BECH or UCTP Pre-req: BEDU(Early Child) or BEED Only - ECM1100 or EDX3280 Enrolment is not permitted if EDX1280 has been previous ly completed	Semester 1 Online offer not available in 2023. Semester 2 Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.
EDX1250 Arts Curriculum and Pedagogy 1: Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music and Visual Arts £	3	1			3	1,2,3	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the fol lowing Programs: UCTP or BEDU (Early Childhood) or BEDU (Primary) or BEDU (Primary + Special Ed) or BEDU (Special Ed) or BEDU (HPE Primary) or BEDU (SHPE Primary) or BECH or BGEN or BEED or BPED	Semester 2 Online offer is not available in 2023.
EDC2100 Supportive Learning Environments: Cultivating Effective Classrooms	3	1			3	1,2	Students must be enrolled in: BEDU (EarlyChild) or BEDU (Primary) or BEDU (Prima ry+Special Ed) or BEDU (Special Ed) or BEDU (HPE Primary) or BEDU (SHPE Primary) or BECH or MOLT (Primary) or BEED or BPED Co-requisite: BEDU (Primary) or BPED Only - EDP2111	
Primary curriculum specialisation course	3	2			3	2		See Electives/Ap proved Courses
ECL3100 Intercultural Communication in Early Learning Contexts £	3	2			3	1,2,3	Enrolment is not permitted in ECL3100 if EDE4012 has been previously completed	Semester 2 Spring field and Online offer is not available in 2023.
ECL2200 English Curriculum and Pedagogy in Early Primary 2	3	2	3	1,2			Pre-requisite: ECF3100 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Program s: BEDU (Early Childhood) or BECH or BEED Enrolment is not permitted in ECL2200 if	15 day supervised Professional Experi ence. Semester 2 Springfield and Toowoomba offer is not available in 2023.

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <https://www.unisq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year.
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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
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							EDX2170 has been previously completed	

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