

Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education

(326JA.4)

Please note these are the 2024 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	60 Note: The selection rank is the minimum ATAR plus adjustment factors required for admission to the program in the previous year. This is an indicative guide only as ranks change each year depending on demand.	
Delivery mode	Blended On campus	
Location	Bruce, Canberra	
Duration	4.0 years	
Faculty	Faculty of Education	
Discipline	Academic Program Area - Education	
UAC code	364103	
English language requirements	There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.5, a score of not less than 8.0 in both speaking and listening, and no band score below 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website. View IELTS equivalences	

International students

Academic entryTo study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specificrequirementsto your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's
academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.

View UC's academic entry requirements

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CRICOS code	088695C		
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About this course

Nurture children from birth to Year Six

If your ambition is to work as a teacher in a preschool, early learning centre or primary school, then UC's Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education will provide you with a broad and innovative education degree which prepares you for a future-focused career.

During your first year of study, you'll undertake professional teaching placements in early childhood and preschool settings.

Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK) units across your remaining three years are taught on-site in schools, providing you with ongoing opportunities to engage with children of all ages and embrace your course learnings first-hand. Whether you choose to launch your career in an early childhood or primary school environment, you'll graduate classroom-ready and keen to inspire the next generation of children aged 0 to 12.

Study a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education at UC and you will:

- gain appropriate scientific, literacy and numeracy knowledge
- learn the theories and principles that are the foundation for educational issues and practice in primary and early childhood settings
- demonstrate understanding of student needs and differences, and the relevance of these to learning in inclusive, indigenous, English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) and mainstream settings
- plan and develop appropriate teaching activities for students from a diverse range of backgrounds
- develop and implement effective assessment strategies and carry out evaluation of teaching programs, resources and your own teaching
- apply the required content knowledge for all primary school curriculum areas to teaching, assessment and reporting methods, alternate/enhanced literacy and numeracy strategies, and the effective use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in teaching and learning
- reflect on your practice and experiences and engage in a process of continual improvement.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

A teaching degree, by its very nature, is the embodiment of Work Integrated Learning (WIL), with its focus on compulsory professional teaching practice.

During this course, you'll undertake a minimum of 132.5 days of practical placement within early learning services and primary schools.

In addition to this, the course content is developed by early childhood and primary education professionals, and kept relevant and up-todate through consistent monitoring of, and engagement with, the industry.

You'll undertake authentic assessment tasks which are highly relevant to the day-to-day practice of teaching, and will take part in regular professional development activities, field trips to educational sites, lectures hosted by guest speakers from a range of education and teaching backgrounds, and more.

Career opportunities

- Early childhood teacher
- Early learning centre director
- Educational leader
- Early childhood policy adviser
- Early childhood advocator
- Early intervention teacher
- Primary school teacher
- Principal
- Deputy principal
- Executive teacher
- Special needs teacher
- Gifted and talented teacher
- Relief teacher

- Private tutor
- Schools policy adviser
- Children's services manager
- OSHC coordinator (Out of School Hours Care)
- Schools engagement coordinator.

Course specific information

There is a pathway into this course for applicants who have completed a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Students must obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Check before their first placement.

This course requires external accreditation from two independent regulatory authorities. The early childhood profession is regulated by ACECQA and is accredited by ACECQA in order for graduates to be employed in early childhood settings. The Primary profession in the ACT is regulated by the ACT Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) and is accredited by ACT TQI in order for graduates to be employed in primary schools.

On graduating, students must register with the appropriate state teaching body in order to teach.

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Admission requirements

Admission to this course is based on an entrance rank. A rank can be achieved by the following means:

- Year 12 ATAR
- other Australian Qualification
- work experience
- overseas qualification

We also offer a number of entry initiatives that give you the opportunity to gain entry to the University via alternate pathway programs and admissions schemes.

More information is available on our Alternative Entry page: http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/applications/applynow/alternative-entry

In addition there is a pathway into this course for applicants who have completed an ACECQA-accredited Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. Credit for 8 units (24 credit points) of this course will be granted to applicants who have completed an ACECQA accredited Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. The 24 credit points will be based upon credit being granted for:

- 11990 Child Development | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11991 Relationships in Early Childhood Education | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11992 The Arts: Visual Arts and Media in the Early Years | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11993 The National Quality Framework | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11994 Health and Wellbeing in the Early Years | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11995 Infant and toddler Learning and Care | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11996 Planning and the Early Years Learning Framework | 3 credit points Level 1
- 11997 Partnerships in Early Childhood Education | 3 credit points Level 1

Where an applicant does not have a completed Diploma (ACECQA approved), NO credit will be granted.

Additional admission requirements

All applicants will be required to complete a written statement in response to questions designed to assess their suitability for the teaching profession. Applicants' responses to these questions must be deemed satisfactory for them to be admitted to this course. You can find the questions in the 'resources' section of the online application portal when you are applying. You can upload your responses in PDF format as part of your application. https://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/faculties/education/docs/UG-Teacher-Education-questionnaire.pdf

Students must obtain a Working with Vulnerable People Check.

Assumed knowledge

ACT: English & Maths (T with C minimum pass) NSW: Higher School Certificate English and Maths minimum

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	03 February 2025	•	•
2025	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	28 July 2025	•	•
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	16 February 2026	⊘	•
2026	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	10 August 2026	•	•
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 1	15 February 2027	⊘	•
2027	Bruce, Canberra	Semester 2	09 August 2027	•	0

Credit arrangements

A credit transfer arrangement is available for this course for the following institutions:

Other Australian Tafe

Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (32806) Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (33686)

Course requirements

Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education (326JA) | 96 credit points

Required - Must pass 96 credit points as follows

Expand All | Collapse All

Major in Pedagogy and Practice (MJ0278) | 21 or 24 credit points

For the 21cp Major - Must pass 21 credit points as follows

The Practice (PCK) of Teaching English (9886) | 3 credit points – Level 3 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Mathematics (9888) | 3 credit points – Level 3 Planning Assessing and Reporting (9894) | 3 credit points – Level 3 Teachers as Professionals (9918) | 6 credit points – Level 4 Engaging with Curriculum Frameworks (11766) | 3 credit points – Level 1 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Science and Technologies (11780) | 3 credit points – Level 3

For the 24cp Major - Must pass 24 credit points as follows

The Practice (PCK) of Teaching English (9886) | 3 credit points – Level 3 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Mathematics (9888) | 3 credit points – Level 3 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Science (9889) | 3 credit points – Level 3 Planning Assessing and Reporting (9894) | 3 credit points – Level 3 Teachers as Professionals (9918) | 6 credit points – Level 4 Foundations of Pedagogy (11765) | 3 credit points – Level 1 Engaging with Curriculum Frameworks (11766) | 3 credit points – Level 1

Note:

• The 21 credit point Major is for students enrolled in 326JA Bachelor of Early Childhood & Primary Education. All other students should complete the 24 credit point Major.

Required Units - Must pass 75 credit points as follows

Classroom Climate and Organisation (9860) | 3 credit points – Level 2

Designing Learning for Diversity and Inclusion (9869) | 3 credit points - Level 2 Issues in Literacy Development and Teaching (9880) | 3 credit points - Level 4 Mathematics in the Differentiated Classroom (9883) | 3 credit points - Level 4 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching the Arts (9885) | 3 credit points - Level 3 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching HPE (9887) | 3 credit points - Level 3 The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences (9891) | 3 credit points - Level 3 Philosophies and Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education (10178) | 3 credit points - Level 2 STEM in the Early Years (10179) | 3 credit points - Level 4 Leadership in Early Childhood Education (10180) | 3 credit points - Level 4 Addressing Challenges in Early Childhood Education (10181) | 3 credit points - Level 4 Using Data to Improve Learning (10354) | 3 credit points - Level 3 Engaging with LANTITE (10453) | 0 credit points - Level 1 Foundations of Early Literacy Instruction (11763) | 3 credit points - Level 2 Children's Literature (11764) | 3 credit points - Level 2 Child Development (11990) | 3 credit points - Level 1 Relationships in Early Childhood Education (11991) | 3 credit points - Level 1 The Arts: Visual Arts and Media in the Early Years (11992) | 3 credit points – Level 1 The National Quality Framework (11993) | 3 credit points – Level 1 Health and Wellbeing in the Early Years (11994) | 3 credit points - Level 1 Infant and Toddler Learning and Care (11995) | 3 credit points - Level 1 Planning and the Early Years Learning Framework (11996) | 3 credit points - Level 1 Partnerships in Early Childhood Education (11997) | 3 credit points - Level 1 Enacting Indigenous Pedagogies in Australian Education (11998) | 3 credit points - Level 3 Being a Teacher (12034) | 3 credit points – Level 1 Foundations of Mathematical Understanding (12035) | 3 credit points - Level 1

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the inherent requirements statement applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

UC - Canberra, Bruce

Standard Full Time, Semester 1 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 1

Child Development (11990) Relationships in Early Childhood Education (11991) The Arts: Visual Arts and Media in the Early Years (11992) The National Quality Framework (11993) **Semester 2** Health and Wellbeing in the Early Years (11994) Infant and Toddler Learning and Care (11995) Partnerships in Early Childhood Education (11997) Planning and the Early Years Learning Framework (11996)

Year 2

Semester 1

Being a Teacher (12034)
Foundations of Early Literacy Instruction (11763)
Foundations of Mathematical Understanding (12035)
Philosophies and Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education (10178)
Semester 2
Children's Literature (11764)
Classroom Climate and Organisation (9860)
Designing Learning for Diversity and Inclusion (9869)
Engaging with Curriculum Frameworks (11766)
Engaging with LANTITE (10453)

Year 3

Semester 1

STEM in the Early Years (10179)
The Practice (PCK) of Teaching English (9886)
The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences (9891)
The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Science and Technologies (11780)
Semester 2

Enacting Indigenous Pedagogies in Australian Education (11998)

Planning Assessing and Reporting (9894) The Practice (PCK) of Teaching Mathematics (9888) Using Data to Improve Learning (10354)

Year 4

Semester 1

Issues in Literacy Development and Teaching (9880) Mathematics in the Differentiated Classroom (9883) Teachers as Professionals (9918) **Semester 2** Addressing Challenges in Early Childhood Education (10181) Leadership in Early Childhood Education (10180) The Practice (PCK) of Teaching HPE (9887) The Practice (PCK) of Teaching the Arts (9885)

Standard Full Time, Semester 2 Commencing

Year 1

Semester 2

Health and Wellbeing in the Early Years (11994) Infant and Toddler Learning and Care (11995) Partnerships in Early Childhood Education (11997) Planning and the Early Years Learning Framework (11996)

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Year 4

Semester 1

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Year 5

Semester 1

Issues in Literacy Development and Teaching (9880) Mathematics in the Differentiated Classroom (9883) Teachers as Professionals (9918)

Course information

Course duration

Standard 4 years full time or part-time equivalent. Maximum 10 years from date of enrolment to date of course completion.

Learning outcomes

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Related graduate attributes

Demonstrate that they possess the appropriate scientific, literacy and numeracy knowledge to properly inform their teaching, communication and administrative responsibilities. UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives; behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.

UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; evaluate and adopt new technology.

UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways.

Demonstrate knowledge of theories and principles that are the foundation for educational issues and practice in early childhood and primary settings. UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

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Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical frameworks that underpin a comprehensive understanding of early childhood and primary school learners. UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; take pride in their professional and personal integrity.

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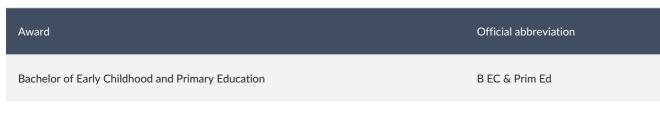
Placements requirements

All students enrolled in programs of initial teacher education are required to complete the statutory checks for working in the school environment that exist in any state or territory where they undertake school based activity. Please note that all students commencing or continuing an initial teacher education course are required to successfully complete both components of the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Education Students (LANTITE) during their degree. More information about the LANTITE can be found at: https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/ All students enrolled in an initial teacher education course are also required to successfully complete all components of a Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) tool integrated into final-level school-based placements and associated units of study.

Majors

• Major in Pedagogy and Practice (MJ0278)

Awards



Honours

None.

Alternative exits

205JA Bachelor of Education Studies

Enquiries

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Prospective International Students	Email international@canberra.edu.au or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Prospective Domestic Students	Email study@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the University Student Centre by Email estem-courseadvice@canberra.edu.au or Phone 1300 301 727

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.