

# MASTER OF EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD)

**CRICOS Code**  
116568G

**Duration**  
1.4 Years (Full-Time)

**Intakes**  
February  
May

**Study Mode**  
Online

**Credit Points**  
192

September



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## Transforming the next generation of early childhood educators

Our Master of Education (Early Childhood) is an integrated, progressive postgraduate program of study comprising a nested Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate. At Ikon, we consider learning to be a lifelong skill. Whether you are already qualified as an early childhood teacher, or more broadly in education, these programs will prepare you to pursue leadership positions or explore roles in other areas of education, such as a specialised teaching professional, policy maker, education administrator, higher education academic, or educational researcher.

Throughout your learning you will develop specialist knowledge in contemporary early childhood educational contexts; playful pedagogies; thinking, creativity and curriculum; agentic digital citizenship; sustainability, kinship and nature; place pedagogy and community connections; operational service management; diverse learning and inclusive practices; wellbeing and trauma informed practices; leadership of educational contexts; and practitioner inquiry and research within the field of early childhood education.



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Master of Education (Early Childhood), with its nested Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate meets the professional needs of aspiring teachers seeking lead teaching and curriculum positions, service director leadership and management roles, education administrator roles, higher education academic or educational research positions.

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## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Recognition of Prior Learning is an assessment process used to determine the extent to which a student has achieved the learning outcomes of a subject from earlier learning, experience or achievements. Where equivalence of prior learning can be established, course credit will be granted and the student is exempt from attending that particular subject in order to complete their course.

If you would like to apply for Credit Transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning please contact [admissions@ikon.edu.au](mailto:admissions@ikon.edu.au) (domestic).

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## EXIT PATHWAYS

Students enrolled into the Master of Education (Early Childhood) may exit with a Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) or Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood).

## DELIVERY

Course delivery for the The Master of Education (Early Childhood) is a combination of lectures, tutorials, discussions, assessment activities and independent study.

You should allow a notional 12 hours per week for each subject studied. You should then spend approximately 26 hours per week for self-directed study to complete prescribed readings, practice skills, research, study and complete assessments.

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## COURSE FEES

For information on fees and payment refer to [ikon.edu.au/fees/](http://ikon.edu.au/fees/).

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## HOW TO APPLY

Visit [ikon.edu.au/apply/](http://ikon.edu.au/apply/) and complete the form. A Course Advisor will contact you to discuss your next step.

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## DOMESTIC ENQUIRIES

P 1300 613 801 (Ext 1)

E [courseadvisor@ikon.edu.au](mailto:courseadvisor@ikon.edu.au)

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## ADMISSION PATHWAYS

Applicants must have either:

- A Bachelor degree in education or teaching and professional experience equivalent to one year full-time in early childhood education; or
- A Bachelor degree in any field and professional experience equivalent to one year full-time in early childhood education; or
- A Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) and professional experience equivalent to one year full-time in early childhood education; or
- An equivalent overseas higher education qualification in early childhood and professional experience equivalent to one year full-time in early childhood education.

For more information please visit the Admissions Criteria section of our course page [ikon.edu.au/master-of-education-earlychildhood/](https://ikon.edu.au/master-of-education-earlychildhood/)

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Master of Education (Early Childhood) comprises 12 equally weighted subjects of 6 credit points each (total of 72 credit points) delivered over four trimesters.

A typical full-time load is 9 subjects per year across three trimesters. The minimum number of subjects per trimester is 1.

Each trimester consists of twelve weeks of teaching.

TRIMESTER 1	TRIMESTER 2
EPRO581 Contemporary Early Childhood Educational Contexts	EPRO584 Diverse Learning and Inclusive Education in Early Childhood Contexts
EPED582 Playful Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education	EPRO585 Wellbeing, Trauma and Responsive Practices in Early Childhood Educational Contexts
EPED583 Thinking, Creativity and Curriculum in Early Childhood Education	ECUR303 Digital Technology and Media in the Early Years
TRIMESTER 3	TRIMESTER 4
EPED587 Agentic Digital Citizenship in Early Childhood Education	EPED590 Empathy, Place and Community Connections in Early Childhood Education
EPIR588 Research A: Introduction to Practitioner Research	ELDR591 Leadership of Early Childhood Educational Contexts
ELDR589 Operational Management of Early Childhood Educational Contexts	EPIR592 Research B: Practitioner Research Project

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