

# **Bachelor of Early Childhood (BECH) - BECh**

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 908151; Distance education: 908155; Fraser Coast campus: 918151; Springfield campus: 928151

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056707B

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- the knowledge, skills, practices and values inherent in contemporary understandings of best practice in early childhood education, particularly as these understandings are reflected in the expectations of the Queensland Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (formerly the Department of Communities)
- the qualities and skills required of a USQ graduate (see [The Qualities of a USQ Graduate Policy](#))
- the attributes of a Faculty of Education graduate
- sound levels of knowledge and understanding appropriate to working as educators with children from birth to eight years of age and in a range of early childhood settings.

## Admission requirements

### Normal Entry

Year 12 or equivalent.

### Special Entry

Students with Year 10 or equivalent and at least three years full-time equivalent work experience relevant to the early childhood sector will be considered for admission.

International applicants must have met the [University's English language requirements](#) or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#).

### International students

International students must have completed the equivalent to Queensland secondary school Year 12 and be at university entry level standing. International students whose first language is not English must demonstrate their proficiency in the English language with the provision of a recent IELTS test of 6.0 or higher with no subset of less than 5.5. For TOEFL and other equivalents, please refer to the [International website](#).

## How to apply

### Domestic students

[Application for undergraduate programs](#) may be made through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The same procedure applies whether you plan to study on-campus or by distance education.

If you completed Year 12 at a Queensland secondary school you will be assessed for entry on the basis of your Overall Position (OP) or equivalent score. Year 12 students from other states or territories are considered for entry on the basis of their UAI, ENTER or TER and the subject prerequisites indicated. Other applicants will be based on their overall Rank.

### International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#). 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. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [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, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

### **Program structure**

The three-year Bachelor of Early Childhood requires 24 units at undergraduate level. A minimum of six semesters of study must be undertaken.

**Note:** Minimum enrolment numbers apply to all courses. Should enrolments not meet the minimum number required, students may be transferred to a different mode or offering and advised of this change prior to semester start.

Duration and mode of offer	Three years full-time, or equivalent, either on-campus (ONC) or online (WEB)
Mode of delivery	Fleximode
Units	24 units, including 55 days of professional experience. Professional experience placements may be scheduled outside usual University teaching weeks. Travel to locations away from the areas local to the student's home campus may be necessary in order to complete the professional experience requirements.

### **Program completion requirements**

EDX2260 Teaching Science for Understanding
EDE2101 Early Childhood Education Contexts
EDE2201 Development and Learning: Birth - 8
EDE2010 Play and Pedagogy I
EDE4012 Cross-cultural Communication in Early Childhood
EDE3009 Professional Practices in Early Childhood
EDE4010 Leadership and Management in Early Childhood
EDE3103 Play and Pedagogy II

### **Required time limits**

Students have a maximum of 7 years to complete this program.

### **Practical experience**

The Bachelor of Early Childhood program complies with all requirements of the Queensland Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (formerly The Department of Communities) in terms of the placements in each of Child Care Centres, Kindergartens and Preschools.

The professional experience components of the program are all tied to identified courses within the program, so that students undertake a professional experience placement in four of their six semesters of full-time enrolment. There are 55 days of professional experience required.

In order to undertake courses to which professional experience placements are attached at any stage in the program it is a requirement that students will have satisfactorily completed all professional experience courses in previous years in the program enrolment pattern.

The Faculty of Education appoints a specific liaison staff member for every student and host site for every placement, with the critical role of being the key source of information, advice and support for all parties involved in the placement.

For further information, see <http://www.usq.edu.au/education/professional-experience>

### **IT requirements**

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. Broadband would be a significant advantage. See [minimum computing standards](#) for more information.

### **Other program requirements**

There are no program requirements other than the satisfactory completion of 24 approved units and 55 days of approved professional experience. However, in order to undertake the professional experience, and certain other activities with young people identified in various course specifications, it is required that Queensland-based students hold a current positive notice indicating that they are deemed suitable for w

## **Exemptions**

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