# **Bachelor of Education (Honours) (BEDH) - BEd(Hons)**

CRICOS code (International applicants): 077746K

This program will accept no new admissions after Semester 3, 2014. The information relating to this program is applicable to currently enrolled students and students intending to enrol prior to Semester 3, 2014. Students who are interested in this study area should contact us

	On-campus	Online
Semester intake:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Fraser Coast	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place

• the capabilities required to undertake, successfully, an Honours research project.

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The Early Childhood specialisation aims to prepare graduates who satisfy the requirements of Queensland Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (formerly The Department of Communities) for working as educators with children from birth to eight years of age in a range of early childhood settings.

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The Primary specialisation aims to prepare graduates who have had the opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge and understanding of the work of educators in P-7 settings. Included among these options are: enhanced opportunities to focus on research in education; a focus in a particular curriculum area; the Early Years of School; Special Education; Physical Education; or Middle Schooling.

#### 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 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

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

## **Admission requirements**

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Applicants who have completed a minimum of 1.5 years' full-time equivalent in either Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) or Bachelor of Education (Primary), and who have achieved a minimum GPA of 6.00, may apply to transfer to the BEDH program.

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Subject to USQ policies and regulations, applicants who do not meet the required GPA, but are close, may be considered for special entry to the program.

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#### 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

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, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Finder.

## **Program structure**

The four-year Bachelor of Education (Honours) requires 32 units at undergraduate level. Where such structures allow, and at the discretion of the specialisation coordinator, up to three units in the primary specialisation may be completed at postgraduate level. A minimum of eight units must be completed with USQ, to be eligible to receive this award.

<b>Note:</b> 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 seemester start.							
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	BEd (Hons) (EC)	BEd (Hons) (Pri)
Units of Honours courses	4	4
Units of approved electives	0	3

## **Major studies**

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The Bachelor of Education (Honours) program has two specialisations: Early Childhood and Primary. Although the number and variety of non-school options is increasing for graduates, each specialisation targets preparation for employment in educational settings appropriate to the relevant sector:

## • B Ed (Honours) (Early Childhood)

The target settings include Child Care Centres, Kindergartens, Pre-Schools and Years Prep-3 in Primary Schools.

## • B Ed (Honours) (Primary)

The major target setting is Years Prep-7 in Schools.

#### **Elective courses**

Students in the primary specialisation are able to study three (3) elective courses.

Students who wish to have a particular focus in their elective studies, may do so by selecting a number of related electives. Alternatively

#### Credit

Students may seek credit from units on the basis of documented prior study at University level or equivalent qualifications and experience. Such applications will be considered on their merits in relation to the extent to which the documentation supplied by the student demonstrates a clear match with the objectives of the course for which the credit is sought. In relation to this general provision, the Early Childhood specialisation has particular circumstances that also apply:

## • B Ed (Honours) (Early Childhood)

Students who have completed the Diploma or Advanced Diploma of Community Services (Children's Services) or approved equivalent with a Registered Training Organisation may be eligible for up to 8 and 12 units of credit respectively.

#### **Honours**

The minimum levels of achievement normally required for each class of honours are shown in the table below. To be assured of achieving a particular class of honours students must have achieved the specified grade in EDO4351 Honours Project 1 and EDO4352 Honours Project 2 and the minimum GPA requirements for all of the courses studied, *or* for the last 16 courses studied, *or* for the last eight courses studied.

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