

- the ability to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or professionally focused project.

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 aw

Program completion requirements

Students are required to follow the recommended enrolment pattern for their selected specialisation.

Program structure

The Master of Learning and Development is a 12-unit program. Three guidelines shape the program structure.

- The Early Childhood specialisation consists of eight compulsory specialisation units.
- Three mandatory research courses must be taken (which equates to 4 units of work). Students can choose from either the Applied Research Pathway or the Research Higher Degree Pathway.
 - Students who complete the Research Higher Degree Pathway as part of their program will be eligible to apply for entry to the [Doctor of Philosophy \(PhD\)](#) subject to achieving a minimum GPA of 5.75 in the four research units and meeting other PhD entry requirements.
 - The Applied Research Pathway does not qualify students for direct entry to the PhD program.
- Please refer to [MLDB Master of Learning and Development \(Full Fee Paying\)](#) for alternative specialisations or a Student-Designed Customisation.

Professional experience

Professional experience is required and recommended in the **Early Childhood specialisation**. Irrespective of level of academic performance achieved by students in this specialisation, no student will be eligible to graduate from this specialisation without satisfactorily demonstrating current professional competence against the performance criteria identified in the nominated courses.

Eligibility to undertake professional experience in Queensland Educational Settings

Under the terms of the Commission for Children and Young People

who are seeking to further develop their knowledge and skills to gain a specialisation in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Students will complete 60 days of professional experience in an Early Childhood Education and Care setting. Up to 25 days may be completed in the work setting if the student is currently employed. The remaining days must be completed in a different setting with a different age group.
