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

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should contact us

	<b>On-campus</b>	Online		
Semester intake:	No new admissions	No new admissions		
Campus:	Toowoomba, Springfield	-		
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place		
Standard duration:	4 years full-time, 9 years part-time			
Program articulation:	From: Bachelor of Education			

## Contact us

#### **Current students**

Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 007 252 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285 Email: usq.support@usq.edu.au

## **Professional accreditation**

Graduates from the program will have met the qualifications requirement for teacher registration with the Queensland College of Teachers.

All students, domestic and international, must complete the majority of supervised professional experience in Australian Primary and/or Secondary school settings.

Graduates from the BEd (Hons) (Early Childhood) will have also met the requirements of the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care (formerly the Queensland Department of Communities).

# **Program aims**

The Bachelor of Education (Honours) program aims to graduate students who meet the academic requirements for registration as a teacher in Queensland (see Queensland College of Teachers ) and who demonstrate:

- the knowledge, skills, practices and values inherent in the Queensland College of Teachers' ten Australian Professional Standards for Teachers
- the qualities and skills required of a USQ graduate (see USQ's Qualities of a Graduate Policy)
- the attributes of an Education graduate
- high levels of personal and professional literacies
- awareness, understanding and positive orientation towards redressing the educational disadvantages of indigenous students
- high levels of academic achievement
- 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; or Physical Education.

## Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following 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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In addition to the above requirements, international students must have completed the equivalent to Queensland secondary school Year 12 and be at university entry level standing.

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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.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements.

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

# **Program fees**

#### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a student contribution amount, which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students 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. Students 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. Students 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.

**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	Four years full-time, or equivalent, either ONC or WEB
Mode of delivery	Flexi-mode
Units	32 units, including 100 days of practical experience. Practical 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 practical experience requirements. Each year a number of core and cross-specialisation courses will be offered in Semester 3 in online mode.

### **Required time limits**

Students have a minimum of 4 years and a maximum of 9 years to complete this program.

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In order to complete the Bachelor of Education (Honours), a student must complete 32 units of study, according to each specialisation's pattern of required courses (core, shared and specialisation), plus Honours courses in Early Childhood, and Honours and discipline courses in Primary.

#### **Practical experience**

All students, domestic and international, must complete the majority of supervised professional experience in Australian Primary and/or Secondary school settings.

**Language proficiency** All students must demonstrate their English language proficiency by providing a recent IELTS test of 7.5 or higher (with no subset of less that 7.0 in any of the four skills areas, and a score of no less than 8 in speaking and listening), either on entry to or on graduation from the program.

The required courses for each specialisation are detailed in the following table:

	BEd (Hons) (Early Childhood)	BEd (Hons) (Primary)
EDC1100 Childhood Development (Birth - 12 years)	Core	Core
EDC1200	Core	Core
EDC1300 The Collaborative Educator	Core	Core
EDC1400 Thinking and Acting like a Teacher 2	Core	Core
EDC2100 Supportive Learning Environments: Cultivating Effective Classrooms	Core	Core
EDC2200 First Nations Education	Core	Core
EDC2300 Assessment Practices for Secondary	Core	Core

# **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.

# **Electives/Approved courses**

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

Students who wish to have a particular focus in their discipline studies, may do so by selecting a number of related discipline courses. Alternatively, students may simply choose any combination of unrelated courses from the full range of discipline courses available from time to time.

Discipline Course may be selected from suitable courses available from a number of sources, including:

- The education undergraduate Discipline Course suite (see below)
- Courses from other Bachelor of Education specialisations (excluding any courses with embedded practical experience)

For further information and guidance, students should refer to discipline courses. and Education specific majors for advice.

Education courses that may also be taken as Discipline Courses						
Discipline area	Courses					
Australian History	EDX2190 Humanities and Social Sciences: Evoking Curiosity					
Early Childhood Context	EDE2201 Contexts for Learning and Development					
	EDE3103 Perspectives of Early Years Curriculum, Play and Pedagogy					
	EDE3009 Leadership and Professional Practices					
	EDE4010					
English	EDO3377					
ESL	EDP4140 Second Language Learning and Pedagogy					
Health and Physical Education	EDH1150 Physical Activity in Society previously EDO3461					
	EDH2151 Practical Studies in Movement previously EDO3462					
	EDH2152 Health and Wellbeing					
	EDH2253 Scientific Bases of Movement 1 previously EDO2462					
	EDH3155 Scientific Bases of Movement 2 previously EDO34					
	EDH3256 Sports Administration, Coaching and Officiating					
	EDH3257 HPE Curriculum Studies 3 previously EDO4461					
	EDH3258 Humans in Movement					
	EDH4259 Sociology of Sport					
	EDX1450 HPE Curriculum Studies 1					

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <a href="http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current">http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current</a> for any updates that may occur during the year. (DISCONTINUED) Bachelor of Education (Honours) (BEDH) - BEd(Hons) (2019)

Class of Honours	GPA calcula	Minimum grade		
	All units studied in the program	The last 16 units studied	The last eight units studied	achieved in EDO4351 and EDO4352
First Class Honours	6.0	6.2	6.5	А
Second Class Honours — Division A	5.5	5.7	5.9	В
Second Class Honours — Division B	5.0	5.1	5.3	С
Minimum number of units required	20	16	8	

The class of honours to be awarded to a student is dependent upon:

- the Grade Point Average calculated from the grades achieved in the courses studied in, or transferred to, the program
- the grade achieved in the two courses EDO4351 Supervised project and EDO4352. Honours students must complete EDO4675 and EDO4351 Supervised project in the year or semester prior to completing EDO4352 (2 units).

## B Ed (Honours) (Early Childhood) - recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

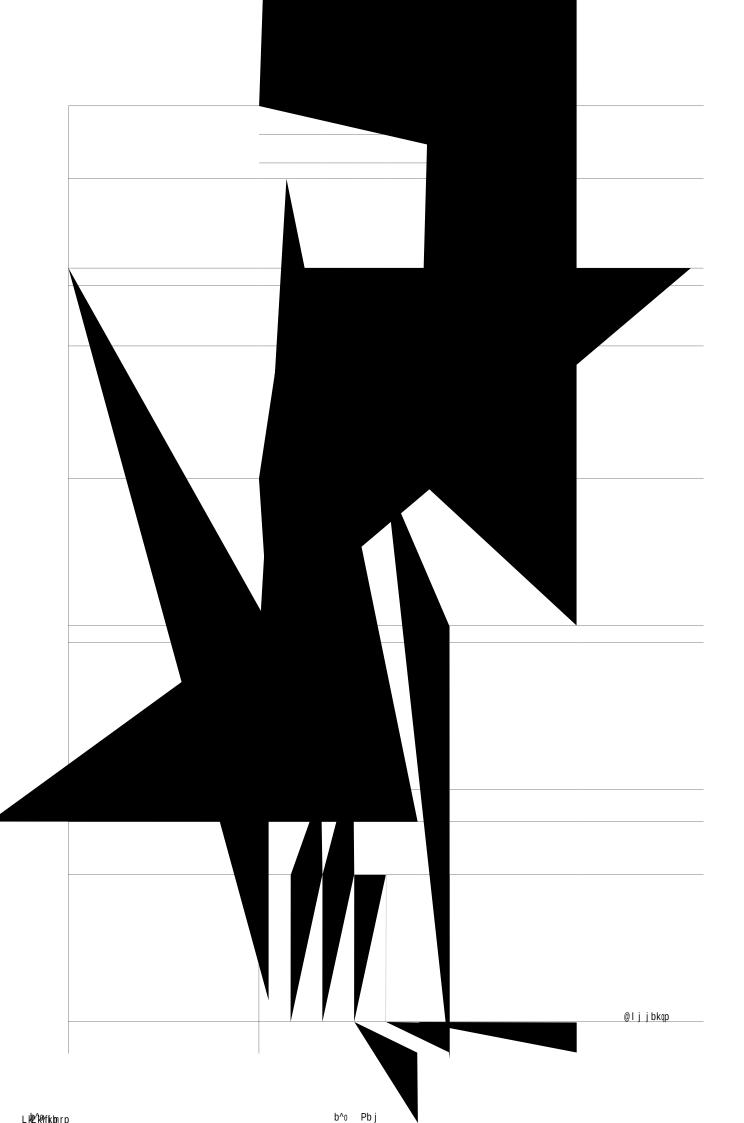
Students should not deviate from this pattern without first contacting the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts.

Students following a non-standard enrolment pattern should consult the course specifications to ascertain if a course is offered in another semester.

**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.

Note: the Early Childhood specialisation is available at Springfield and Toowoomba campuses.

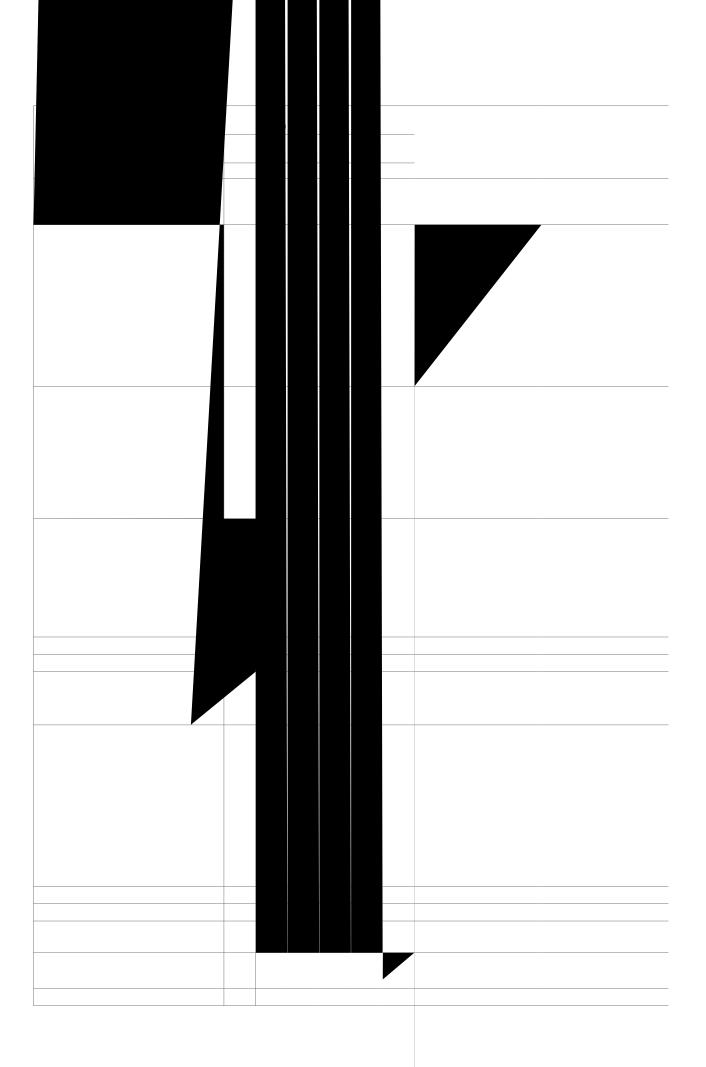
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