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PROGRAM REGULATIONS

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (EARLY
CHILDHOOD)**
GradCertEd(ECE)

PROGRAM CODE: 4069

THESE PROGRAM REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2018

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

1. These Program Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Fremantle Campus.
2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Program Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Senior Administration Officer, School of Education, Fremantle Campus.

MODIFICATION HISTORY

1. These Program Regulations are effective from 1 January 2018.

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1 INTRODUCTION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Introduction

These Program Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's General Regulations and the School of Education Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation

The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University's General Regulations and the School of Education Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Program Regulations

Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University

The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)

The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is a Level 8 AQF qualification.

2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria

The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University's General Regulations and the School of Education Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites

Additional requirements for entry into this Award include:

A student applying for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) must:

- Hold the equivalent of a four year teaching qualification; and
- Have a GPA of at least 2.5 or higher; and
- Have at least three years of professional experience in either an early childhood or primary education setting

Education students who have English as an Additional language and are admitted on the basis of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assessment, or an equivalent English language proficiency assessment, are only admitted if they have attained an overall IELTS (or equivalent) score of 8.0 (with no score below 7.0 in any of the four skills areas and a score of no less than 8.0 in speaking and listening).

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) meets the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) Accreditation requirements.

3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure

There are two program structures within the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

1. For students requiring an initial early childhood qualification, refer to structure 'A' that includes 4 courses and a practicum totaling 5 courses (Appendix A)
2. For students who already hold an early childhood qualification, refer to structure 'B' that includes 4 courses only. (Appendix B)

3.1.1 Compulsory Programs

There are four compulsory courses for early childhood qualified students and five compulsory courses for those seeking an early childhood qualification within the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

3.1.2 Elective Courses

There are no Electives within this Award.

3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors

There are no Majors available in this Award.

3.1.4 Minors

There are no Minors available in this Award.

3.1.5 Specialisations

There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

3.1.6 Special Interest Courses

There are no Special Interest courses in this Award.

3.2 Special Award Requirements

There are no special award requirements in the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements

Whilst Practicums or Internships are not compulsory in this Award, students requiring an initial early childhood qualification accredited by ACECQA must undertake the practicum course in addition to the four program work courses.

3.4 Approved course substitutions

Course substitutions, where approved, must be approved by the Dean.

3.5 Alternative Pathways

Alternative pathways are not applicable to this Award.

3.6 Volume of Learning

3.6.1 Standard Duration

- (a) The standard duration for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award with ACECQA accreditation is 0.625 years of equivalent full-time study. The standard duration for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award without ACECQA accreditation is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.
- (b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.

3.6.2 Accelerated Duration

An accelerated mode is not available for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award.

3.6.3 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is 2.5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

3.7 Graduation

Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award as detailed in these Program Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

3.8 Exit Awards

An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

3.9 Honours

The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is not offered with Honours.

END OF REGULATIONS



APPENDIX A: Indicative Program Structure for ACECQA accreditation

Semester One and Two					
Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit	Course Number	Course Title	Units of credit
EDUC6243	Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching	25	EDUC6801	Early Childhood Practicum Experience	25
EDUC6003	Holistic Development in Early Childhood	25			
EDUC6244	Integration in Early Childhood Education	25			
EDUC6004	Early Years Curriculum Development	25			
		100			25
Total Units of credit Program					125



APPENDIX B: Indicative Program Structure without ACECQA accreditation.

Semester One and Two		
Course Number	Course Title	Courses of credit
EDUC6243	Trends in Early Childhood Development and Teaching	25
EDUC6003	Holistic Development in Early Childhood	25
EDUC6244	Integration in Early Childhood	25
EDUC6004	Early Years Curriculum Development	25
		100
	Total Courses of credit Year One	100