

# Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)



Elevate your teaching career to  
**inspire and nurture young children**  
— the leaders and changemakers  
of tomorrow

# Welcome to Federation University Australia

We're thrilled that you've taken the first step towards completing a degree with Federation University. Whatever your passion or career goals, Federation has everything you need to make your mark in the world.

## Reasons to choose Federation University

<b>TOP 200</b>	Young Universities in the World <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOP 300</b>	Universities worldwide for Sustainable Development Goals <sup>2</sup>
<b>#1</b>	University in Victoria for Teaching Quality for Education & Training <sup>3</sup>
<b>5/5 RATING</b>	<b>Excellence in Research<sup>4</sup></b> Federation was rated <b>at or above world standard</b> in 80% of our submitted Fields of Research
	<b>Affordable tuition</b> fees and <b>great scholarships</b> available
	<b>High quality</b> , personalised teaching and dedicated <b>international student support</b>
	<b>Industry integrated learning</b> with opportunities for <b>real life projects</b> with industry leaders

1 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings 2023

2 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Impact Rankings 2023

3 The Good Universities Guide 2024 (Postgraduate)

4 Excellence in Research Australia, 2018 National Report



# Welcome to the Institute of Education, Arts and Community

What makes children unique? Why do they behave the way they do? How can we use theory to support children through key developmental stages, engage them in learning, or nurture future generations to lead happy lives?

If you've asked yourself similar questions, a career in early childhood education may be perfect for you.

The Institute of Education, Arts and Community will help you ask big questions like these, diving deeper into the contours of diverse human cultures and societies. Learn from our experienced and passionate lecturers about a wide range of topics including play-based learning, nature pedagogy, curriculum design, education leadership and social wellbeing (just to name a few).



## Early childhood teachers in high demand

Early childhood teachers nurture young minds to develop their identity, communication skills and sense of place, while supporting their wellbeing. Recognising the pivotal role this profession plays, the Victorian Government has committed \$14 billion in funding to expand kindergarten programs across the state, including the establishment of 50 new government-owned childcare centres\*.

Federation early childhood Course Coordinator, Dr Alison Lord, said there has never been a better time to work in a rewarding profession, with our Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) graduates in high demand.

“There is a current shortage of kindergarten teachers in the state of Victoria. Most of our graduates will work in either state-based kindergartens or long day care services.”

Federation University welcomes the governments 'Best Start, Best Life' plan that is certain to boost the sector and create many new jobs for early childhood educators.

\*Victorian Government, 2023

# What to expect

Our Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) will see you:

- gain a **deep knowledge of how young children learn** and how you can develop and support their learning prior to entering school
- assess different approaches to teaching children, reviewing case studies from around the world to equip you with the **skills to work with children from diverse backgrounds**
- **learn innovative ways to design curriculum** and nurture learning through play, art, music, movement and the natural environment
- **undertake 480 hours of placements** (across 12 weeks) in real early learning centres and kindergartens, while also visiting Federation's own on-campus Children's Centre to observe and implement learning
- graduate from Australia's first Co-operative University with the **practical skills, knowledge, networks** and **confidence** to pursue your passion for teaching.

Our Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) is a hands-on course that will see you graduate with the knowledge, skills and confidence to work anywhere in the world. We take a hands-on approach, engaging students in 480 hours of placement in local early childhood classrooms where you'll put new knowledge and skills into practice. You'll also undertake a wide range of courses to explore how young children learn, enabling you to create age-appropriate development plans and support them prior to entering school.

## What's in the detail?

### CRICOS

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### INTAKES

Semester 1 (February)

Semester 2 (July)

### CAMPUSES

Mt Helen (Ballarat)

### DURATION

2 years full time  
(240 credit points)

### FEES (ANNUAL)

\$28,140

**New international students may be eligible for a tuition fee scholarship.**

[federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/international-scholarships](https://www.federation.edu.au/current-students/starting-at-federation/scholarships/international-scholarships)

### ACCREDITATION

This degree is accredited by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority™. [acecqa.gov.au](https://www.acecqa.gov.au)



## Monisha, India

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“ I've done three work placements so far; the standards are high, and they've all been really enjoyable. I found work as an early childhood educator when I arrived in Ballarat, and I've really noticed a big improvement through implementing everything I've learnt on the course. ”

# Sample course plan

## Year One

SEMESTER 1	Engaging professionally 1 (15 credit points)
	Understanding early childhood development (15 credit points)
	Planning effective learning environments for learning and teaching (15 credit points)
	Curriculum through play (15 credit points)
SEMESTER 2	Inquiry into practice 1 (15 credit points)
	Early childhood language and literacies (15 credit points)
	Infants and toddlers (15 credit points)
	Engaging professionally 2 early childhood (15 credit points)

## Year Two

SEMESTER 1	Numeracy and digital technology (15 credit points)
	Art, movement and music in early childhood (15 credit points)
	Curriculum approaches (15 credit points)
	Nature pedagogy 1 (15 credit points)
SEMESTER 2	Nature pedagogy 2 (15 credit points)
	Engaging professionally 3 early childhood (15 credit points)
	Educational leadership (30 credit points)

Course details, fees and sample structures are subject to variation. For the most up to date information, visit our Course Finder website, [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au)

### Spotlight on nature pedagogy

A highlight of this course is its strong focus on nature pedagogy. You'll learn how to harness natural environments, such as the land and animals found around Mt Helen Campus, to engage children in nature, play-based learning.



Watch this video to learn more ↗



# Industry connections

## Put your dream career in reach

Whether you're looking to change careers or build on your undergraduate degree, our Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) will prepare you to teach and lead early childhood courses throughout Australia and overseas.

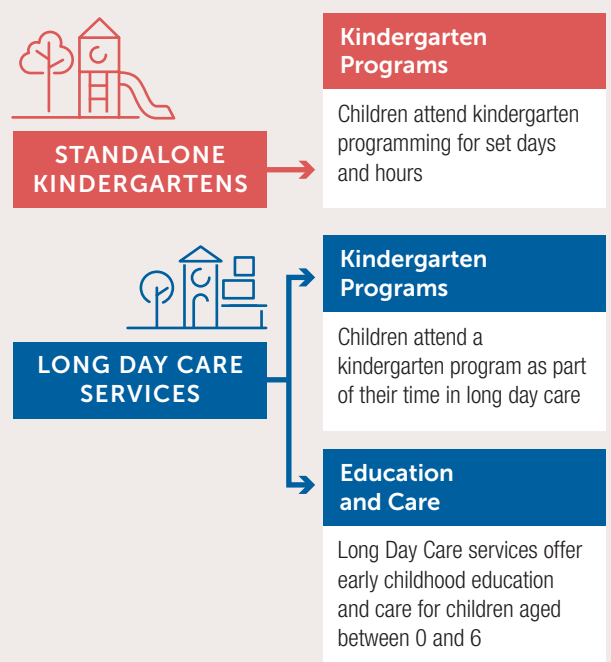
Upon completion of the course, you'll be qualified to register with the **Victorian Institute of Teachers** (or other Australian state teacher regulatory authorities) as an Early Childhood Teacher and commence work in one of the 17,000 National Quality Framework (NQF) approved children's education and care services in Australia^.

**Learn more** about registration in Australia [www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au) ↗

You will graduate from this degree with the confidence and skills to pursue a fulfilling career in a variety of early childhood settings, including:

- Kindergartens
- Long day care centres
- Community-based pre-school services
- Aboriginal children's centres
- Rural and remote child services

## Early childhood services commonly found in Victoria, Australia.\*\*



\*\*Victorian Government, 2023

^Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority™

# Entry and application information

## Entry requirements

To be eligible for this course students must have **successfully completed**:

- A recognised 3-Year Australian **bachelor degree** (or equivalent); and
- **Academic IELTS overall score of 7.0**, with a minimum 7.5 for Speaking and Listening and minimum 6.5 for Reading and Writing

### OR

- Two years full-time equivalent study at a recognised Australian university, within the last two years; and
- Evidence of meeting the English language requirement as determined by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) to be eligible for registration. [acecqa.gov.au](http://acecqa.gov.au) ↗

Once you have submitted your application, you will be assessed against the course requirements and for available pathways and scholarships.

## Essential extra requirements for applicants



To support their application, applicants must complete and submit the following:

- an additional details form; and
- a referee report

Both forms are available for download here or by visiting Course Finder, [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au) ↗

## Essential extra requirements for enrolment and graduation

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND POLICE RECORD CHECKS

To undertake professional placement, applicants are also required to hold a valid:

- Working with Children Check (WWC)  
[www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check](http://www.vic.gov.au/working-with-children-check); and
- National Police Record Check  
[www.police.vic.gov.au/apply-national-police-check](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/apply-national-police-check)

### IMMUNISATIONS

All students enrolled in an early childhood teacher course are required to provide validation of immunisation (Influenza, Whooping Cough, MMR, and COVID) to satisfy training pre-requisites for placement in Early Childhood settings.

The validation must be uploaded to *InPlace* by the commencement of Semester 1, Week 1 classes. Commencing international students will be supported to access and upload documents to *InPlace* during compulsory Orientation Week sessions for the course.

## Itunu, Nigeria

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Itunu has worked as a teacher for 10 years, teaching secondary school students in her home country, Nigeria. After nurturing her own child's development, Itunu decided to change careers and pursue her passion for early childhood education.



“ I love my course – all of the subjects are very hands-on. They teach us how to treat different scenarios and solve them using different theoretical applications. We have opportunities to practice with real-life scenarios during class where we are encouraged to share our ideas and different cultural perspectives.”

Itunu said she received a lot of support from her lecturers and supervisors to complete her placement. “I have completed two placements and it's been a great experience. Federation University was very helpful to find a centre for me that was close to home, so that I didn't have to commute too far. ”

## Pathways designed specifically for you

If you have not met the entry requirements for this course, don't worry. With a range of pathways now available, you can be studying at Federation University sooner than you think.

### English Language courses (CRICOS Code 113565A)

Students who do not meet the English language requirements for this course may be eligible to complete our General English or English for Academic Preparation (EAP) courses. These courses have been newly designed to equip you with the English speaking, reading, writing and listening skills needed to be successful in your university studies. Depending on your English level, Admissions will package the appropriate pathway option together with your chosen degree.

#### Find out more

2024 course information will become available soon. To learn more, visit [study.federation.edu.au/area/pathways](http://study.federation.edu.au/area/pathways)



## Scholarships

### Studying in Australia just became more affordable

At Federation University Australia, we're driven to make a real difference to the lives of every student who studies with us.

Our scholarships help ease the financial stress of commencing study at a university, especially for international students who are moving to Australia. From accommodation support to tuition fee discounts and research grants, we offer a range of scholarships to help you start studying sooner.

Visit our website to learn more about available scholarships, terms and conditions, eligibility criteria, and how to apply.

#### Find out more

[federation.edu.au/scholarships](http://federation.edu.au/scholarships)

## Feel supported to succeed

We understand that choosing to study abroad is both an exciting and challenging time. Help at Federation University is readily available – be it support with your English, understanding your assignments, or finding someone to talk to about personal life concerns. No matter the challenge, our range of student-focused services enables international students to develop skills, knowledge and confidence in a supportive environment that is united in your ambition to succeed.

Some of our support services include:

	English Language Support Service
	Libraries and Learning Skills Advisory
	Counselling
	International Student Employability
	International Student Advisory
	Spiritual facilities
	Support for students with disabilities
	Sports and clubs

# Your next steps

Whether you're applying directly or via an agent, just follow these simple steps



## Step 1

### FIND YOUR COURSE

Find the Federation University course you wish to study

- For undergraduate and postgraduate courses visit [study.federation.edu.au](https://study.federation.edu.au)
- Check you meet the academic entry requirements
- Check you meet the English language requirements
- Check for any essential requirements that you need to complete in addition to your application.

Essential requirements may include auditions, tests or interviews.



## Step 2

### APPLY

- International students or their agents must apply through the **StudyLink** online application system  
Visit [federation.edu.au/international/study-at-federation/apply](https://federation.edu.au/international/study-at-federation/apply)
- Follow the instructions and ensure you have attached all relevant supporting documents.
- Details of documentation required is available at [federation.edu.au/international/prepare](https://federation.edu.au/international/prepare)

Note: Be aware of cut off dates.



## Step 3

### ASSESSMENT

Your application will be assessed by our team

- English language requirements
- Academic entry requirements
- Scholarships



## Step 4

### OFFER MADE

#### Congratulations!

You will be sent an International Student Offer and Acceptance Pack that includes:

- Letter of Offer
- Information for accepting your offer
- GTE and/or financial assessment forms\*

Refer [federation.edu.au/SSVF](https://federation.edu.au/SSVF) for more information.

\*International students may be required to complete a pre-visa screening process as a condition of their offer under the requirements of the Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF). The requirements will depend on a number of factors.



## Step 5

### ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT

Once you have provided all documentation and met all conditions, sign the acceptance of your offer letter and pay the required fees.

We will then issue you with an electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Note: Payments to Federation must be made via Convera GlobalPay through your StudyLink application.



## Step 6

### VISA APPLICATION WITH COE

You will need your CoE to apply for your Australian student visa.

More information on the visa application process is available at [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au](https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au)

Note: Make sure you plan in advance to get your visa in time.



## Step 7

### PREPARE TO ARRIVE

We will send you an International Student Support Guide to help you understand what to expect.

### FLIGHTS

Make sure you arrive in time to attend the compulsory International Student Orientation Program that is held in the weeks before semester commences.

### ACCOMMODATION

Check out the offers from FedLiving – on-campus accommodation in Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland.



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