



Master of Education

with a specialism in early childhood

The Master of Education program has been designed to give our students more flexibility and better options in their studies. As education moves towards and embraces areas of specific need and opportunity, Monash University gives students dedicated specialisations in which to explore and test their learning.

The Master of Education with a specialism in early childhood is for educators, teachers and other professionals who wish to further their understanding of early childhood education from local, national and global perspectives. It examines contemporary theoretical perspectives in areas such as child and family services, constructions of childhood, ethics, issues, policies and research. Opportunities exist to undertake research-based assignments and network with the early childhood research community.

Course code: 2500

Duration: 1.5 years (full-time),
3 years (part-time)

Domestic fee: CSP places available. Full-fee places \$14,350 per year of full-time study

International fee: \$20,000 per year of full-time study

Campus: Clayton, on-campus, off-campus, multimode.

Intake: First semester/second semester

Entry requirements: Applicants must hold an approved three-year bachelors degree in a relevant field with a credit average in the final year; or an approved fourth year of



study; or an approved four-year bachelors degree; or have qualifications or experience that the faculty considers to be equivalent to, or a satisfactory substitute for the above.

Applying: For further information on application procedures, visit: www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/2500/

The Master of Education is flexible, so you can tailor a program to suit your specific needs. All students complete a core research methodology unit chosen from a suite which gives you an introduction to key social and educational research methods.

You will also choose a number of elective units, and have the option of completing a professional project or a minor research thesis in an area that interests you.

There are three key options in the Master of Education degree, depending on what you aim to achieve in your degree.

Option 1 is to take six coursework units.

Option 2 is five coursework units and a professional project of approximately 8000 words.

Option 3 is four coursework units and a minor research thesis of approximately 16,000 words.

Option 3 provides a great introduction to formal research in education, and can act as a pathway into the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program, provided you meet the grade point entry requirements for that program.

You can choose coursework units from a wide range of elective units, covering topics in education, LOTE, gender studies, mentoring, gifted education, and curriculum design. See the faculty website for a full list of Master of Education elective units and their availability.

Course map

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Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Research core unit (12pts) ¹	Research core unit (12pts) ¹	Research core unit (12pts) ¹
Select TWO units from: EDF6641 The social and political contexts of early childhood service (12pts) EDF6642 Contexts for childhood (12pts) EDF6643 Values in early childhood education (12pts)	Select TWO units from: EDF6641 The social and political contexts of early childhood service (12pts) EDF6642 Contexts for childhood (12pts) EDF6643 Values in early childhood education (12pts)	Select TWO units from: EDF6641 The social and political contexts of early childhood service (12pts) EDF6642 Contexts for childhood (12pts) EDF6643 Values in early childhood education (12pts)
Elective unit (12pts)	Elective unit (12pts)	Elective unit (12pts)
Elective unit (12pts)	Elective unit (12pts)	Research thesis (totalling 16,000 words) EDF6031 Masters thesis part 1 (12pts) AND EDF6032 Masters thesis part 2 (12pts)
Elective unit (12pts)	Professional project (12pts) (8,000 words) EDF6010 Professional project (A) OR EDF6020 Professional project (B)	

Notes:

1. Research core unit must be selected from the Faculty suite of research methodology units on advice from the course coordinator or supervisor.

English language requirements

All applicants must meet minimum English language requirements. Students with a first language other than English should supply current supporting evidence of competence in English by one of the following means:

- All secondary schooling completed was studied and assessed in English AND successful completion of at least two “English rich” university-level subjects in an institution where English is the language of instruction and assessment of the entire institution, and this is verified by the institution;
- At least two years of study (preferably in the last five years) in a university or approved tertiary institution where English is the language of instruction and assessment of the entire institution, and this is verified by the institution;
- IELTS (academic) of 6.5 with no individual skill score below 6;
- Paper-based TOEFL score of at least 580 with a TWE of at least 5, a computer-based TOEFL score of at least 233 with an Essay Rating (ER) of at least 5, or an internet-based score of at least 90 with at least 24 on writing, 23 on speaking and 20 on listening and reading;
- The successful completion of the Monash University English Language Bridging Program (ELBP).

Note: All test scores must be no more than two years old at the time of application (or accompanied by evidence of substantial studying/working in an English-speaking environment and with work demanding a high level of English communication following testing).



What our students say

Angela McLeod

Current student, Master of Education with a specialism in early childhood.

“The content of the course and my interaction with the assessments has reinforced my knowledge and boosted my confidence in my own identity as a teacher. I thoroughly enjoy the critique and challenge this course encourages regarding traditional teaching practices and Western perceptions of children. I have been required to succinctly articulate my perspective, which is useful in advocating for our profession and children.”

Angela McLeod works at Lady Gowrie Child Centre, Melbourne.



Further information

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