

Early Childhood and Primary Education



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- 4 years full time internal study or part time equivalent
- Available externally
- South Street and Rockingham campuses
- TISC Code - TBA



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About Early Childhood and Primary Education

Are you passionate about teaching young children, but want the flexibility to be able to teach across the range of Primary ages? This degree offers prospective students the opportunity to study, from Kindergarten (the year children turn four) to year 7 (the year children turn 12). This course will prepare you with the knowledge, skills and understandings to teach in any class in these years.

Throughout the degree students will study all areas of the primary curriculum including English, Mathematics, Science, Society and the Environment, Physical Education and Health, the Arts, as well as assessment and learning processes. Students will also focus on early childhood teaching and learning and be involved in school experience in the early years (K-3) and middle school (4-7) classrooms.

The opportunity offered by the Bachelor of Education Early Childhood and Primary Education provides you with a breadth of knowledge around primary education and the flexibility to be able to teach across all years. This flexibility is acknowledged by many primary principals to be of benefit for school staffing.

What can I do with my Early Childhood and Primary Education degree?

Murdoch graduates are employed in government and non-government schools and other education-related fields.

The knowledge of Early Childhood studies gained through this course will enable graduates to teach across the full spectrum of primary education from Kindergarten and Pre-primary to Year 7.

On completion of a Bachelor of Education, graduates have a widely accepted qualification and are eligible for graduate studies or employment in government and independent Kindergarten/Pre-primary and Primary schools. You are also eligible for employment in other occupations such as education officer, education designer, evaluation consultant, project coordinator, or training and development specialists.

Further information on what you may wish to do once you've completed your degree is available online at www.murdoch.edu.au under information regarding the Early Childhood and Primary Education course. We also have the Alumni, Careers and Employment Centre here on campus to help you with your move into a career – www.ace.murdoch.edu.au

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Professional Recognition

Western Australian College of Teaching (WACOT) is the registering body for teachers in Western Australia and recognises this qualification.

Course Structure

Year 1

Foundation Unit

All first year students are required to take a Foundation Unit. These units are designed to provide you with the necessary skills for successful study at a university level.

Core Units

You must take these units for a particular major to gain a specialisation in this area.

- Introduction to Teaching
- Introduction to Science
- Cultural Mathematics
- Principles of Language and Literacy

General Electives

General electives give you the flexibility to learn from a variety of areas. You must take these units in order to graduate from the course.

Select two units offered by the University, subject to individual unit prerequisites.

Year 2, 3 and 4

Core Units

- Primary Curriculum I (English)
- School Experience: Primary BEd
- Processes of Learning
- Learning Through the Arts
- Primary Curriculum IIA Aboriginal and Multicultural Education
- Primary Curriculum III (Mathematics)
- School Experience: Primary BEd
- Principles and Practices in Early Childhood Education
- Children, Families and Schools
- Processes of Assessment
- Integrated Early Childhood Curriculum
- Schools in Context
- Special Needs
- Professional and Action Learning Project
- Primary Curriculum IV (Society and Environment, Science)
- School Experience: Primary BEd
- Professional Internship Prelim: Primary BEd/ECE
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Admission Requirements

Murdoch University does not generally require completion of any prerequisite subjects. However, students will need to meet specific English competency requirements.

Murdoch provides a number of pathways for admission for people from a variety of backgrounds. Please refer to our Admission Guide or Prospectus for more information on pathways to Murdoch University.

Special Requirements

The Department of Education and Training, along with cooperating non government schools, have the right to determine 'fit and proper persons' to enter and practice in schools.

Therefore, a current Department of Education and Training Criminal Record check as well as a working with children clearance are required at the commencement of your studies.

Three Reasons to Study Early Childhood and Primary Education at Murdoch

- 1 Quality Early Childhood Education is a national priority and our degree provides you with the opportunity to teach from K-7.
- 2 Throughout the course you will partake in supported school experiences with both mentor teachers and university supervisors – giving you the practical experience to become a great teacher.
- 3 As our course is available both internally and externally, you can study in the way that best fits your lifestyle.

Want to know more?

Australian Citizens/Permanent Residents

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★★★★★ Murdoch University is the only Australian University to have achieved a 5-star rating for Graduate Satisfaction 12 times in the past 13 years. (Good Universities Guide 2008)

Discover Murdoch University - closer than you think



11 minutes from the city to Murdoch Train Station, quick trip by connecting bus to South Street campus



Regular bus services past campus



15 minutes from the city on Kwinana Freeway (exit South Street)



Cycle routes to campus



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