

# Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Studies (GradCertECS)

The Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Studies is offered only to University of Melbourne Faculty of Education graduates of the 350-point Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies course. It enables graduates to upgrade to four-year trained status.

## Course objectives

On completion of the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Studies, students should be able to:

- demonstrate an increased understanding of the nature of the early childhood period, defined as 0-8 years;
- demonstrate an increased understanding of the social and political contexts in which early childhood services operate and the impact on the work of the early childhood professional, children and families;
- demonstrate enhanced managerial and personal skills involved in running early childhood services;
- undertake research on an aspect of early childhood practice or policy.

## Entrance requirements

An applicant may be eligible for selection into the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Studies if the applicant has completed the 350-point Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies degree from the University of Melbourne.

## Course structure

To qualify for the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Studies students must complete one compulsory subject and three elective subjects.

Course outline	Points
<b>Compulsory subject</b>	
465-407 Special Research Study ( <i>p.13</i> )	12.5
<b>Elective subjects (select any three of the following)</b>	
485-360 CFS31 Information Technology ( <i>p.12</i> )	12.5
465-401 CDS41 Social Diversity ( <i>p.12</i> )	12.5
465-402 CDS42 Assessment & Evaluation ( <i>p.12</i> )	12.5
465-403 CTP41 Inclusive Curriculum ( <i>p.12</i> )	12.5
465-404 ECP41 Leadership & Advocacy ( <i>p.12</i> )	12.5
465-405 ECP42 Administrative Processes ( <i>p.12</i> )	12.5
465-406 ECP43 Managing The Centre ( <i>p.13</i> )	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

## Period of candidature

After being admitted to the course, full-time students are required to pursue studies for at least one semester and not more than one academic year. Part-time students are required to pursue studies for at least one and not more than two academic years.

## Subject descriptions

### Compulsory subject

#### 465-407 Special Research Study

See full subject details on page 13.

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