

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
Compulsory subject	
465-407 Special Research Study (<i>p.7</i>)	12.5
Elective subjects (select any three of the following)	
485-360 CFS31 Information Technology (<i>p.6</i>)	12.5
465-401 CDS41 Social Diversity (<i>p.6</i>)	12.5
465-402 CDS42 Assessment & Evaluation (<i>p.6</i>)	12.5
465-403 CTP41 Inclusive Curriculum (<i>p.6</i>)	12.5
465-404 ECP41 Leadership & Advocacy (<i>p.7</i>)	12.5
465-405 ECP42 Administrative Processes (<i>p.7</i>)	12.5
465-406 ECP43 Managing The Centre (<i>p.7</i>)	12.5
Total	50

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 7.

Elective subjects

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