BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

BEd(ECE&SE) (6092)
Faculty of Education
The University of Hong Kong

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Programme Overview

• The BEd [Early Childhood Education and Special Education (ECE&SE)] Programme prepares students for dual certification as both early childhood teachers and teachers of children with special educational needs in early childhood (birth–6 years).
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(i) be eligible to register as Qualified Kindergarten Teachers;
(ii) be eligible for registration as Child Care Worker and Child Care Supervisor under the Child Care Services Regulations;
(iii) be considered as having acquired training on the One-year In-service Course in Special Child Care Work recognized by the Social Welfare Department for Special Child Care Workers;
(iv) meet the academic qualifications required as kindergarten principals.
Programme Overview

- The BEd (Early Childhood Education and Special Education) programme includes
  - engaging **academic courses**;
  - supervised **practicum placements** in multiple early childhood settings; and
  - **independent research experiences** to help students facilitate the development and learning of children from birth to six years.
# Programme Structure

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Examples of Major courses

- Early Care and Education of Infants and Toddlers
- Physical and Social-Emotional Development, Guidance and Counselling of Young Children
- Supporting Children with Cognitive, Sensory and Physical Needs
- Integrated Curriculum and Inclusive Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education
- Assessment and Intervention in Early Childhood Settings
- STEAM in Early Childhood Education
- Developmental Neuroscience
- Young Children, Family and the Changing World
- Planning, Management and Evaluation of Early Childhood Programmes
- Introduction to Research Methods
- Early Childhood Education and Special Education Project

and more…
Examples of Specialised Electives

- Supporting Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Supporting Non-Native Chinese Speaking Children
- Bilingualism in Young Children
- Children and the Law
- Child Health
- Young Child and Technology
Programme Features

Professional Practicum

• The programme includes three Professional Practicum courses which provide students with the opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge to practice in child care centres, special child care centres and integrated kindergarten settings.
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Project

• In the final year, students are required to complete an independent research project under the supervision of a Faculty mentor in a self-selected area of interest.
Career Prospects

• **Teachers** in kindergartens and child care centres, special child care centres and other educational settings

• **Administrators** in non-governmental organizations, family and children’s agencies and other educational bodies

• **Researchers** in organisations such as tertiary institutions
Other Learning Opportunities

• Experiential Learning in summer

• Exchange programme in summer
  - Universities attended by students from the Faculty of Education before:
    • University of California, Los Angeles
    • The University of British Columbia, Canada
    • Yonsei University, Korea
    • University of Helsinki, Finland
    • and many others…
Life at HKU
Why choose HKU Faculty of Education?

• **No. 4 in the world** – Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for Education 2019
• **Full range of early childhood education programmes** from Bachelor’s degree to Doctorate (PhD and EdD) level to nurture early childhood educators, administrators and researchers
• Programme instructors with **extensive local and international teaching and administrative experience in early childhood settings**
• Faculty staff with **very broad and long-standing local and regional early childhood research experience**
• **Interdisciplinary studies** and **Impactful research**
• **Supportive** learning environment
• **Flexible** career and study pathways

*https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/local/facts-hku*
Admissions Procedures

• **18** places available

• **Interviews** will be conducted mid to late July after the announcement of HKDSE results

• An interview is **not** guaranteed. You will be selected for interview based on the overall strength of your full application.

• You are strongly advised to put this programme in **Band A**, first choice
Minimum Admissions Requirements for JUPAS

To satisfy the minimum requirements for entrance to the University, each applicant shall gain the following in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE):

- Level 3 or above in English language;
- Level 3 or above in Chinese language;
- Level 2 or above in Mathematics;
- Level 2 or above in Liberal Studies; and
- Level 3 or above in two Elective Subjects.
Selection process

• Applicants are encouraged to upload their personal statement, and enter details about their other learning experiences or extra curricular activities

• Candidates must be able to communicate effectively and fluently in both Cantonese and English

• Selection for admission is based upon academic merit and interview performance

• Heavier weighting for Chinese and English
Minimum Admissions Requirements for Non-JUPAS

Candidates are required to satisfy each of the following for the basic University Entrance Requirements:

- General Academic Requirements under
  - either International Qualifications e.g. International Baccalaureate Diploma, GCE A-level etc
  - or National / Regional Qualifications e.g. Singapore’s GCE A-Level examination, South Korea’s General High School Diploma etc;

- English language requirement; and

- Second language requirement

See details in HKU website
Further Information

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