



Bachelor of Science in Applied Child Development (A202)

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Faculty of **Education**
The University of Hong Kong

Programme Overview

- The BSc (Applied Child Development) [(ACD)] programme is a **two-year top-up degree** for holders of Higher Diplomas or Associate Degrees in the field of Early Childhood Education to upgrade their academic qualifications.
- Successful applicants shall be admitted directly to **Year 3** (i.e. there is no Year 1 or Year 2 admission).



Special Features

- The BSc (ACD) programme
 - provides students with a strong foundation in the **knowledge, skills and attitude** required for working with a wide diversity of children and families.
 - allows students to gain insights into the theories of **child development** and acquire deep understanding of the interrelationships among **theory, research, practice and policy**.



Professional Recognition

Graduates of the BSc(ACD) programme can:

(i) apply for registration as **Child Care Workers** and **Child Care Supervisors** under the Child Care Services Regulations;

(ii) be considered to have met the required BEd(ECE) requirement for **new KG principal appointment***.

* Based on EDB's official document, "[Professional Upgrading for Newly-appointed Kindergarten Principals](#)", a locally recognised Bachelor Degree / higher degree plus a locally recognised Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education [PGDE(ECE)] or C(ECE) qualification can be considered to have **met the required BEd(ECE) requirement for new KG principal appointment**.



Programme Structure (120 credits)



Major in
Applied Child
Development



Language
Enhancement



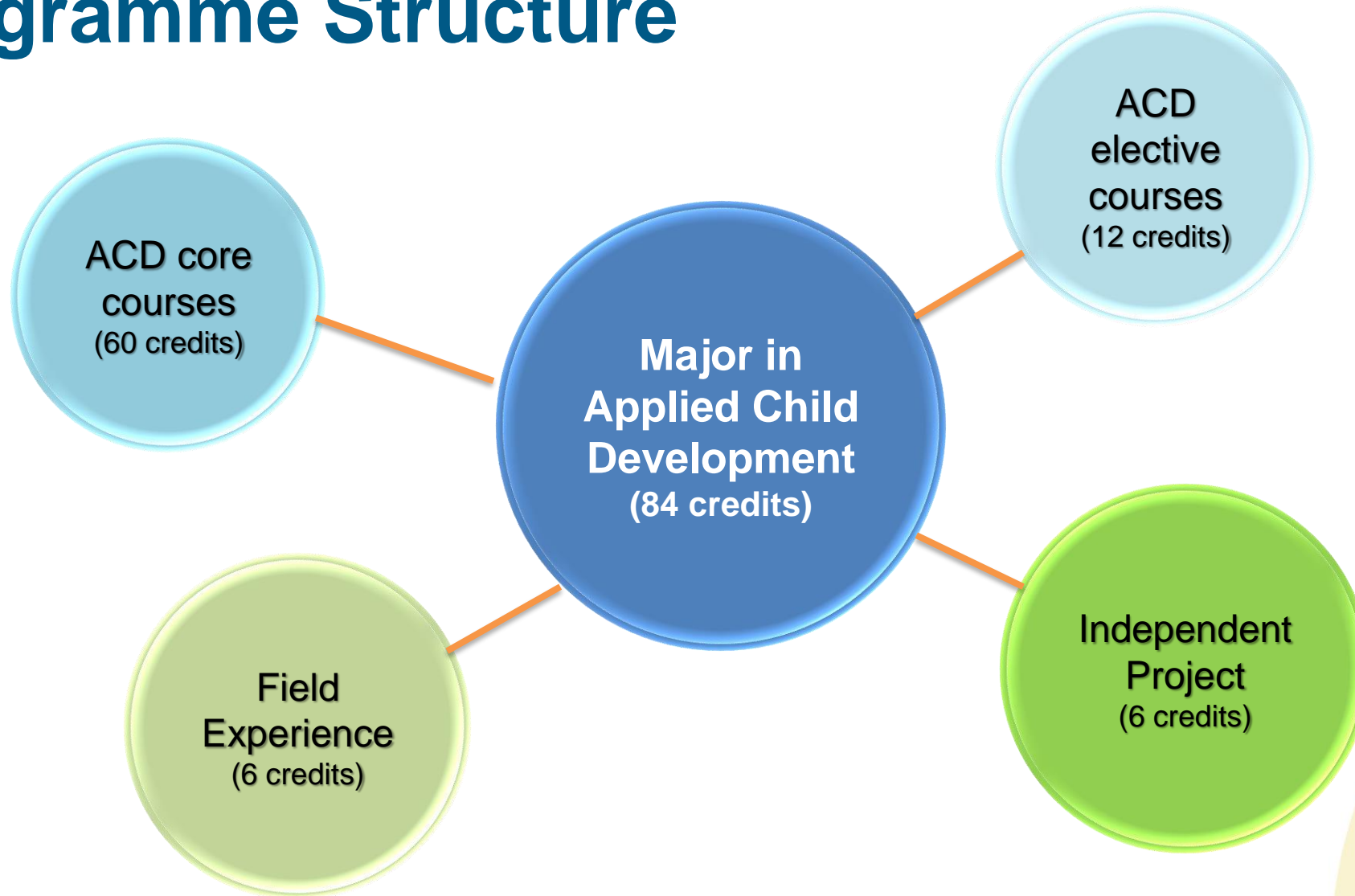
Common Core



Electives



Programme Structure



Major in Applied Child Development

- The **core courses** cover a variety of topics like early childhood development, cognitive & language development, physical development, young children with special needs and child development & public policy etc.;
- The **elective courses** cover specific topics like bilingualism, children's play & learning and guidance & counselling etc.;
- The supervised **field experience** provides students with the opportunity to **apply and integrate** the knowledge gained from coursework to research and practice. Field experience sites include **research organisations, non-profit organisations and other professional settings**;
- In second year of study, students complete an **independent research project** under the supervision of a Faculty mentor in a self-selected area of interest.



Other Learning Opportunities

- [Experiential Learning](#) in the summer
- Exchange programme in the summer
 - Universities attended by BSc(ACD) students before:
 - University of California, Los Angeles
 - The University of British Columbia, Canada
 - Yonsei University, Korea
 - University of Helsinki, Finland



Why choose HKU?

- Internationally, HKU Faculty of Education ranks **No. 5** in the **Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2021**
- Well established **reputation** in early childhood education
- **Freedom** to explore and **broaden** opportunities
- **Supportive** learning environment
- **Flexible** career and study pathways
- Programme instructors with **extensive local and international teaching and administrative experience in early childhood settings**



Career Prospects

Teaching positions in schools and child care centres, special schools and other educational settings

Teaching

Administration

Administration in NGOs, family and children's agencies and other educational bodies

Research

Research opportunities in organisations and tertiary institutions

Further studies

Further studies in the field of early childhood education and related areas



Admission Requirements

- Candidates holding a recognised **Higher Diploma/Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education** of at least two years in duration from a community college in Hong Kong are eligible to apply through "[Admissions to Senior Year Places \(Direct Admissions Scheme\)](#)". (Programme Code: **A202**)
- You are strongly advised to put this programme as your **1st choice**.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an **interview and a written test in February – early April 2021**.
- Admission decision will be announced on a rolling basis starting from February / March 2021.
- There are **30 places for admissions** to the BSc(ACD) programme for the September 2021 intake.



Further Information

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