BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED CHILD DEVELOPMENT

BSC(ACD) (A202)

Faculty of Education

The University of Hong Kong

Programme Overview

- The BSc (Applied Child Development) 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).

Programme Overview

- The BSc (Applied Child Development) 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**.

Programme Overview

- Bachelor of Science in Applied Child Development [BSc(ACD)] has been approved as a training course for **child care workers (CCW)** and **child care supervisors (CCS)** by the Social Welfare Department.

- Students admitted to this programme in the 2016/17 school year and thereafter will be eligible for registration as CCW and CCS upon successful completion of this programme.

Programme Overview

- Based on EDB's official document, "Professional Upgrading for Newly-appointed Kindergarten Principals", a locally recognised Bachelor Degree / higher degree plus a locally recognized 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**.

- Therefore, after you have completed the BSc(ACD) degree from HKU, and with your C(ECE) qualification, you are **eligible to apply for the KG Principalship Course** and will be seen to have met the BEd(ECE) requirement for new KG principals.

Programme Structure

BSc(ACD)	Credits
Major in Applied Child Development (including Independent Project and Field Experience)	84
Language Enhancement Courses	6
Common Core	12
Elective	18
TOTAL	120

Programme Structure

Courses		First Year	Second Year	Total
Core Courses	Taught courses	36	24	84
	Field Experience	6	-	
	Specialised electives	-	12	
	Project	-	6	
Language Enhancement Courses		6	-	6
Common Cores		12	-	12
Electives		-	18	18
Total		**60**	**60**	**120**

Coursework

- The programme offers courses that cover a variety of topics including:
  - Perspectives on Early Childhood Development and Learning
  - Cognitive and Language Development
  - Social and Emotional Development
  - Physical Development
  - Introduction to Research Methods
  - Observation and Assessment of Children and Early Childhood Programmes
  - Development and Education of Young Children with Special Needs
  - Child Development and Public Policy
  - Developmental Neuroscience

Coursework

- The programme offers elective courses that cover a variety of topics. Examples of elective courses offered include:
  - Bilingualism in Young Children
  - Children, Arts and Technology
  - Children's play and learning
  - Guidance and Counseling
  - Contemporary Issues in Child Development

Programme Features

- Field experience
  - 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 organizations, non-profit organizations and other professional settings**.
    - Special educational needs, family support services, children's rights and protection

  - Your work will be supervised by the Field Supervisor at the placement site and by the Faculty Supervisor through a series of seminar meetings.

Programme Features

- Independent Project
    - 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?

- Well established **reputation** in early childhood education

- **Freedom** to explore and **broaden** opportunities

- **Supportive** learning environment

- **Flexible** career and study pathways

Career Prospects

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

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

- **Research opportunities** in organizations and tertiary institutions

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

Admission Requirements

- Candidates holding a recognized **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.

- Final-year students on such programmes can also apply and their applications will be considered subject to their completion of the programme by August 2020.

- There are **30 places for admission** to the BSc(ACD) programme for the September 2020 intake.

Application Process

- Applicants should submit their applications through "**Admissions to Senior Year Places (Direct Admissions Scheme)"**. Detailed application procedures can be found at:

- Program Code: A202

- Main Round Application Deadline: 12:00 noon, December 4, 2019 (Hong Kong Time)
  *(Applications may be submitted after the Main Round application deadline until **12:00 noon, July 15, 2020 (Hong Kong Time)** and will be considered on a rolling basis subject to programme availability.)*

- Admission decision will be announced on a rolling basis starting from February / March 2020.

- You are strongly advised to put this programme as your **1st choice**.

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an **interview in February – early April 2020**.

- You will receive an admission offer starting from March to the end of August 2020.

Further Information

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