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.
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• 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

- 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 Structure

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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
  • Development and Education of Young Children with Special Needs
  • Observation and Assessment of Children and Early Childhood Programmes
  • Developmental Neuroscience
  • Introduction to Research Methods
  • Child Development and Public Policy
Coursework

- The programme offers elective courses that cover a variety of topics including:
  - Bilingualism in Young Children
  - Children, Arts and Technology
  - 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 schools, labs, research organizations, non-profit organizations and other professional settings.

  • 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.
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
Life at HKU
Campus Support

• Academic Advising

• Student Welfare and Careers Guidance
  • Center of Development and Resources for Students

• Language Proficiency
  • Language Resource Center, Center for Applied English Studies
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 2018.

• Successful applicants shall be admitted directly to Year 3 of this four-year programme (i.e. there is no Year 1 or Year 2 admission).

• There are 30 places for admission to the BSc(ACD) programme for the September 2018 intake.
Application Process

- Applicants should submit their applications through **Direct Admissions Scheme**. Detailed application procedures can be found at: [http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions/international/admission-information?page=direct-admissions-scheme](http://www.aal.hku.hk/admissions/international/admission-information?page=direct-admissions-scheme)

- Deadline for DAS application: **November 16, 2017** (Hong Kong Time)

- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview in February – April 2018.

- You will receive an admission offer starting from March to the end of August 2018.
Further Information

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