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

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

Programme Structure

	First Year	**Second Year**	**Total**
Language Enhancement	6	-	6
Common Core	12	-	12
Core Courses	42	42	84
Elective Courses	-	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
    - 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

- 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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