

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

BEd(ECE&SE) (6092)

Faculty of Education

The University of Hong Kong

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

BEd(ECE&SE)	Credits
Major in Early Childhood Education and Special Education	246
Language Enhancement Courses	18
Common Core	36
Total	300

Programme Structure

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Professional core (taught courses)	30	30	54	36	30	246
Professional core (Professional Practicum)		12 (child care centre)		24 (special child care centre)	30 (kindergarten)	
Language Enhancement	6	6	6			18
Common Core Curriculum	24	12				36
Total	60	60	60	60	60	300

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**.



Programme Features

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. 3 in the world** – Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings for Education 2020
- **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](https://aal.hku.hk/admissions/local/facts-hku)

Admissions Procedures

- **18** places available
- **Interviews** will be conducted in late July or early August (i.e. 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

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**

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