BACHELOR OF EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

BEd(ECE&SE) (6092)
Faculty of Education
The University of Hong Kong

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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

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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.
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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*
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
Further Information

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