

**The University of Hong Kong
Faculty of Education**

Postgraduate Diploma in Education

Major : Early Childhood Education (Full-time and Part-time)

This major will enable students to use evidence-based practice in early childhood settings to make a positive difference in young children's lives. By the end of this programme, students will be better able to:

- i. understand and promote early child development and learning;
- ii. observe, document and assess young children's learning;
- iii. understand and implement a wide spectrum of effective approaches to facilitate young children's development and learning;
- iv. build family-community relationships;
- v. deal with the needs of diverse learners;
- vi. identify themselves as early childhood professionals with specialized training.

Students will also develop the knowledge and skills to effectively facilitate children's learning in early childhood settings. In all modules, students will be encouraged to engage in independent and collaborative learning and access knowledge in the field through the use of information technology.

Graduates of the PGDE (Major in Early Childhood Education) programme can apply for registration as kindergarten (KG) teachers with the Education Bureau (EDB) and as child care workers and child care supervisors with the Social Welfare Department. Moreover, the EDB considers that a locally recognised Bachelor Degree plus a locally recognised Postgraduate Diploma in ECE (PGDE[ECE]) or C(ECE) as having met the required BEd(ECE) requirement for new KG principal appointment.