**Bachelor of Education (Primary and Middle) - FAQ**

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**Why is there a new Bachelor of Education program?**

The University undertakes regular reviews of all our programs to ensure that we are offering compliant degrees. As part of a recent review, the MBET suite has been replaced by two new education offerings. This decision was made to comply with new Australian Institute for Teachers and Schools Leadership (AITSL) requirements, and to ensure UniSA graduates are compliant with the new requirements

**What does this mean for me?**

As a current MBET student, this means you will be the final student cohort to undertake the current undergraduate MBET degree. As a result you will continue to study and graduate as per your normal study plan. From 2019, no new students will be enrolled in the current MBET program.

You also have the option to transfer into one of the new degree offerings, either the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours) or the Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours).

**MBET accreditation**

Please note, your degree will remain a valid qualification and accredited degree under the current AITSL requirements.

**Why the change?**

The University of South Australia is home to the State's largest tertiary School of Education and the Bachelor of Education (Primary and Middle) program is of high quality, is respected and has strong reputation in the field and maintains a solid reputation of respect in the industry.

**Why is there no Primary & Middle in the new program?**

This year, the current UniSA Bachelor of Education (MBET) program is due for external reaccreditation by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia (TRBSA). While the program currently meets the requirements for reaccreditation with the Australian Institute for Teachers and Schools Leadership (AITSL), recent changes in Commonwealth Government policy for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) require that all newly accredited Primary and Middle programs must provide courses to enable graduates to teach across all primary and secondary years within a four-year bachelor. Our offering does not meet these new requirements, so the decision has been made to focus on Early Childhood and Primary. We will still be offering secondary education within our LBSY programs and pathways into the Master of Teaching (Secondary). We want to reassure you that your degree is still accredited and meets the current requirements. You will still reapexcellent career outcomes with a Primary and Middle degree.

**Value of the MBET P&M program and employment**

The University of South Australia is dedicated to producing skilled and industry-relevant future educators, and proud of its graduate success rate in finding employment upon graduation. As the final cohort to graduate with this qualification, you can expect strong employment options across both primary and secondary school settings, specifically due to the relevance of the minors that you have studied.

**Do I need to do anything?**

There is no change for you, you will not be disadvantaged by these changes, and you will not need to do anything as the process unfolds, except to continue to follow your study plan.

**Will students transition to the new program?**

There is no need to transition as the MBET program will be taught out.

**I have been on a leave of absence and not commenced any courses**

Please contact the School of Education inbox [unisaschoolofeducation@unisa.edu.au](mailto:unisaschoolofeducation@unisa.edu.au)

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Please do not hesitate to make contact with [**unisaschoolofeducation@unisa.edu.au**](mailto:unisaschoolofeducation@unisa.edu.au)with any queries. You can visit a School of Education office located at Mawson Lakes Campus in room G1-11, Magill Campus G1-28 (opening hours 9am-4pm) or phone 8302 2600.