

UniSA Education Futures

Bachelor of Early Childhood (B-5)

Information Session

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Early Childhood Education

- Introducing UniSA's new three-year **Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (B-5 years)**
- The existing **Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours)** continues to be offered

Why do we have this new degree?

- In response to the Royal Commission into Early Childhood and Care recommendations
- Supporting South Australia's future early childhood workforce

Comparison of Early Childhood Degrees at UniSA

	Bachelor of Early Childhood (B-5 years)	Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours)
Degree Focus	Birth – five years old Kindergarten/preschool and childcare settings Transition to school	Birth – eight years old Kindergarten/preschool, childcare AND Junior Primary Settings
Degree Length	Three years full time or part-time equivalent	Four years full time or part-time equivalent
LANTITE Required	NO	YES
Placements	80 days	110 days
Accreditation	ACECQA TRB SA - ECT registration	ACECQA, AITSL, TRB SA – registration
Career Outcomes	Early Childhood Teacher Preschool Teacher Childcare Teacher Educational Leader/Director	Junior Primary Teacher Preschool Teacher Childcare Teacher Educational Leader/Director

MBXC Program Outline (Early Transfer)

Program Outline	Course Name	Course Code
Y1-First Semester	Contemporary Contexts of Early Childhood Education	EDUC 1100
Y1-First Semester	Foundations in Learning and Teaching 1: Learning through Play	EDUC 1102
Y1-First Semester	Professional Experience 1: Introduction to Educators' Practices (Birth-3 years)	EDUC 1044
Y1-First Semester	Children's Development: Conception to 3 Years	EDUC 1041
Year 1 - Second Semester	English Curriculum: Language	EDUC 1112
Year 1 - Second Semester	Design and Technology Education	EDUC 1018
Year 1 - Second Semester	Children in Families and Communities	EDUC 3001
Year 1 - Second Semester	Foundations in Arts Education	EDUC 2054
Y2-First Semester	English Curriculum: Reading	EDUC 2058
Y2-First Semester	Health and Physical Education	EDUC 2006
Y2-First Semester	Humanities and Social Sciences Education	EDUC 2056
Y2-First Semester	ELECTIVE	
Y2-Second Semester	Early Years Placement	EDUC 3091
Y2-Second Semester	Mathematics Education 1	EDUC 3073
Y2-Second Semester	Teaching and Learning in Aboriginal Education	EDUC 2061
Y2-Second Semester	Foundations in Learning and Teaching 2: Creating Positive Learning Environments	EDUC 2078
Y3 - First Semester	Science and Mathematics Education 2 (Birth to 5 years)	EDUC 3074
Y3 - First Semester	Professional Experience 3: Informed Planning (Pre-school)	EDUC 3081 (9 units)
Y3 - First Semester	Reconceptualising Early Childhood Education	EDUC 3069
Y3 - Second Semester	Science and Mathematics Education 2 (ECE)	EDUC 3089
Y3 - Second Semester	English Curriculum: Text Production	EDUC 3062
Y3 - Second Semester	Inclusive Education	EDUC 3055
Y3 - Second Semester	Leadership and Advocacy in Early Childhood	EDUC 4193

MBXC Program Outline (After EDUC 2092 Transfer)

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Y1-First Semester	Contemporary Contexts of Early Childhood Education	EDUC 1100
Y1-First Semester	Foundations in Learning and Teaching 1: Learning through Play	EDUC 1102
Y1-First Semester	Professional Experience 1: Introduction to Educators' Practices (Birth-3 years)	EDUC 1044
Y1-First Semester	Children's Development: Conception to 3 Years	EDUC 1041
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Y2-First Semester	Humanities and Social Sciences Education	EDUC 2056
Y2-First Semester	ELECTIVE	
Y2-Second Semester	Professional Experience 2: Curriculum and Pedagogy (Early Childhood)	EDUC 2092
Y2-Second Semester	Mathematics Education 1	EDUC 3073
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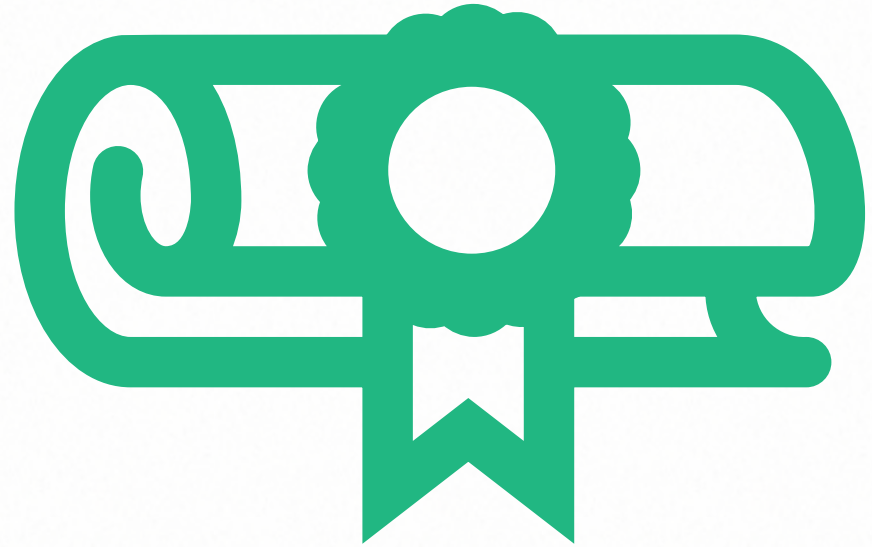
Financial Support 4 MBXC Students

- If you are already working in an ECE settings, we are working on new ways to make it easier/possible to complete professional experience placements...
- By early July, the SA Office for Early Childhood Education will release further information about Scholarships for students enrolling in a Birth-5 Degree
- Additionally, the federal government has announced a prac payment subsidy that will be available from July 2025.
- Watch these spaces for more specific information over the next month or so

Professional experience placements seriously impact pre-service teachers' financial and family commitments.

MBXC & Teacher Registration

- <https://www.trb.sa.edu.au/Registering-to-Teach/early-childhood-teachers>
- As 4th June 2024, graduates of 3-year Early Childhood Education programs accredited by ACECQA are eligible to register as Early Childhood teachers.
- This registers them to teach in preschool, kindergarten, childcare, OSHC and community service settings.
- It does not provide registration to teach in Junior Primary settings



Taken to be a Diploma-qualified Educator or ECT...

- [Click here to learn about how people actively working towards an ECT qualification can be/are counted as Diploma-qualified educators or ECTs in ECE services.](#)
- It is valid in SA until the 31st Dec 2024.
- If you are seeking this arrangement with an employer, your Program Director can provide a letter confirming your continued enrolment and the proportion of your ECT degree you have completed.
- If you have been working in this context, and NOT receiving Diploma or ECT higher duties pay rates, you may wish to contact your Union or the [Working Women's Centre of SA](#) for advice.

Q & A: 14Jun24 Info Session

Q : Can I start the degree next semester (SP5, 2025) and is there a due date by which I need to let @CampusCentral know I want to transfer to MBXC (B-5)

A : Yes you can – you need to let your Program Director and @Campus Central know by the 12th July 2024 (if you want to start in MBXC for SP5, 2024),. Youb can also take some time to think about it, - requests submitted to Campus Central after this date will be processed for commencement in Semester 1 2025.

A The application to change program online form to transfer into MBXC can be located via the link here or Contact Campus Central for assistance. https://bpi.unisa.edu.au/suite/sites/application-to-change-program?_gl=1*1gab8xc*_gcl_au*MTU2NDc5NDAwLjE3MTgwODEzMzA.

Q Which tests do we need to pass if we do the MBXC (Birth -5) 3 year degree

A : You do not need to complete the LANTITE (Literacy & Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education)

A : We are currently waiting for information from the TRB SA about any International English Language Testing requirements for ECT registration (any requirement confirmed would not apply to citizen students – we will ask for more information re visa holders and permanent residents)

Q : I have my elective and specialism (In Catholic Studies, or other area), will these count if I move across into this B-5 years degree?

A : Yes your elective or Specialism 1 course will be credited into this degree.

A : If you have completed all of your Catholic Ed Specialism, they will still count for CESA – please contact Mr Greg Bowyer for further information.

Q : After I have graduated from the Bachelor of Early Childhood, can I enrol in the Master or Bachelor(Honours) of Teaching ECE(B-8)?

A : Having completed a Bachelor of Early Childhood you could apply for entry in either of these degrees, HOWEVER – given that the new Adelaide University programs will begin in 2026 you may wish to consider your best options later in 2024 once the new ADLUni programs are published. You should also consider that the last year of entry for the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (B-8) Honours program will be 2025.

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Q : Having completed the first three years (and the subjects so far this year) of the Honours course, if I transfer into the B-5 course, will I only have to complete the final placement for that program?)

A : Most likely, you will only need to complete the final EDUC 3091 placement. Please email PD and @EDCTeaching&Learning team to confirm final completion requirements – which depending on your already completed placement days may involve a partial credit of up to 10 placement days.

Q . I am in my second year. I have not yet completed EDUC 2092 – what does this mean for my MBXC study plan going forward.

A : Instead of completing EDUC 2092 in your second year, you would complete EDUC 3091 Early Years Placement (available in on-campus and online modes), You would then also complete, in your third year, alongside or after EDUC 3081, a WIL learning subject, EDUC 4193 Leadership and Advocacy in ECE.

Q : Will I receive 1:1 credit for all the courses I have completed so far in MHEC/LHEC program?

A : Yes all courses completed in the MHEC/LHEC programs map to 1:1 credit, regardless of the point at which you choose to transfer. Please note, the timing of your transfer may differentiate your study plan

Q : What SA Government study supports/incentives are available if I transfer into the MBXC (Birth to 5) program?

A : <https://www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au/>