



Childhood Studies

What is Childhood Studies?

Childhood Studies focuses on children and their development from conception to 8 years. Students have the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of young children through individual, collaborative, and practical learning. They explore concepts such as development, needs, and the rights of children, the value of play, concepts of childhood and families, and the roles of parents and caregivers. They also consider the importance of behaviour management, child nutrition, and the health and well-being of children.

Why study Childhood Studies?

Students will gain a better understanding of childhood as a unique, intense period of growth and development and how children's lives are affected by their relationship with others; their intellectual, emotional, social and physical growth; cultural, familial, and socio-economic circumstances; geographic location and educational opportunities.

Course content of Childhood Studies

Students study topics within one or more of the following five areas of study:

- Contemporary and Future Issues
- Economic and Environmental Influences
- Practical and Legal Influences
- Socio-cultural Influences
- Technological Influences

Assessment Components

Assessment in Early Childhood Studies consists of the following components, weighted as shown:

School Based Component: 70%

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| • Practical Activity | 50% |
| • Group Activity | 20% |

Externally Moderated Component: 30%

- Investigation

Learning Requirements of the Course

The learning requirements summarise the knowledge, skills, and understanding that students are expected to develop and demonstrate through their learning.

In this subject, students are expected to:

1. apply knowledge and problem-solving skills to practical activities and concepts related to the study of children and their development from conception to 8 years
2. apply management, organisational, and problem-solving skills that demonstrate an understanding of issues related to the health and well-being of children
3. make informed decisions about and evaluate contemporary issues related to child development in complex and changing communities.
4. select and use appropriate technology to prepare learning activities for children in a culturally diverse society
5. investigate and critically analyse contemporary trends and/or issues related to the health and well-being of children
6. work individually and collaboratively to support the health and well-being of children, and evaluate processes and outcomes
7. evaluate the impact of new and emerging technologies on the health and well-being of children.

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Future Pathways in Early Childhood Studies

- Prep or Junior School Teacher
- Childcare Worker
- Special Needs Coordinator
- Mother

Required Text(s) for Early Childhood Studies

No text is required for this course

There is a course fee of \$80 which covers the cost of food, photocopying and some materials for individual arts and crafts practicals.

What are the prerequisites?

There are no prerequisites for this course. It is an independent course designed to offer success to all students regardless of previous course completion.



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Further Information

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