ECED603
Early Childhood Professional Practice 1
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General Information

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Credit points
4

Prerequisites
ECED600 and ECED601 and ECED602

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit incorporates both specialist theory and practice in early childhood education by combining university-based study with practical teaching experience in an early childhood organisation. The 20 day practical experience component is based on an understanding that students will be operating at a level reasonably expected of a postgraduate student teacher undertaking a block of professional experience as a teacher of young children for the first time. Unit content will focus on examining and reflecting on the student's role in teaching and learning with children from two to five years.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

Learning Outcomes
1. Understand a variety of approaches in curriculum decision making
2. Understand the professional environment of early childhood teaching
3. Identify the factors that influence curriculum decision making processes
4. Facilitate appropriate experiences for children within the total learning environment
5. Critically evaluate teaching practices
6. Appreciate the value of an anti-bias approach in work with children and their families
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the reflective practitioner
## Assessment Tasks

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### Assessment 1

**Due:** 15 August, 5pm  
Weighting: 20%

**Understanding Techniques for Teaching**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Critically evaluate teaching practices
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the reflective practitioner

### Assessment 2

**Due:** 17 October, 5pm  
Weighting: 40%

**Creating a Peaceful World: Living in Harmony**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Appreciate the value of an anti-bias approach in work with children and their families
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the reflective practitioner

### Professional Experience

**Due:** 28 Oct - 14 Nov  
Weighting: 0%

**Professional Experience**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Understand a variety of approaches in curriculum decision making
• Understand the professional environment of early childhood teaching
• Identify the factors that influence curriculum decision making processes
• Facilitate appropriate experiences for children within the total learning environment
• Critically evaluate teaching practices
• Appreciate the value of an anti-bias approach in work with children and their families
• Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the reflective practitioner

Assessment 3A
Due: 15 November, 8am
Weighting: 30%
Part A: Reflections on Documenting Children’s Learning

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Understand a variety of approaches in curriculum decision making
• Understand the professional environment of early childhood teaching
• Identify the factors that influence curriculum decision making processes
• Facilitate appropriate experiences for children within the total learning environment
• Critically evaluate teaching practices
• Appreciate the value of an anti-bias approach in work with children and their families
• Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the reflective practitioner

Assessment 3C
Due: 28 November, 5pm
Weighting: 0%
Part C: Professional Experience Evaluation Report

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Understand a variety of approaches in curriculum decision making
• Understand the professional environment of early childhood teaching
• Identify the factors that influence curriculum decision making processes
• Facilitate appropriate experiences for children within the total learning environment
• Critically evaluate teaching practices
• Appreciate the value of an anti-bias approach in work with children and their families
• Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the reflective practitioner
Assessment 3B
Due: 15 November, 8am
Weighting: 10%

Part B: Evaluation of Teaching Techniques from Assessment 1

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- Understand a variety of approaches in curriculum decision making
- Understand the professional environment of early childhood teaching
- Identify the factors that influence curriculum decision making processes
- Facilitate appropriate experiences for children within the total learning environment
- Critically evaluate teaching practices
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Delivery and Resources

Listening to lectures and preparation for & attendance at seminars and Professional Experience is required. The unit it supported by iLearn on-line materials which should be consulted regularly.

Unit assessment has been updated to reflect student feedback in previous year of offering.

Unit Schedule

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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- **Special Consideration Policy** [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html)

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/) of Policy Central.

### Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**UniWISE provides:**

- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops [http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/](http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/)
- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.

**Student Enquiry Service**
Details of these services can be accessed at [http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/](http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/).

**Equity Support**
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**
If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at [http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/](http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/).
When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students and it outlines what can be done.