ECED834

Organisation of Early Childhood Education

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Department of Educational Studies

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Prerequisites
Admission to MEChild or MEdLead or GradCertEdS or GradCertIndigenousEd or MIndigenousEd

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit is designed for those who are interested in specialising as early childhood leaders and managers. This unit enables the critical appraisal of the structural features of early childhood organisations in Australia. It involves the analysis of the socio-political contexts and structural forces influencing the management and leadership of early childhood organisations. As well as enabling students to deepen their understanding of governance, legislative and accountability requirements, this unit provides opportunities to research and explore in depth the challenges encountered by contemporary early childhood managers and leaders.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Critically examine the historical and contemporary socio-political contexts impacting on the governance and provision of EC settings.

2. Demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of structural forces impacting on EC leadership and management.

3. Research, evaluate, and synthesize learning derived from multiple sources to enhance interactions with staff and families in Early Childhood organisations.

4. Demonstrate a capacity for effective communication as competent early childhood leaders and managers.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
A#1 Website appraisal	20%	No	Tuesday 20 March 2018
A#2 Continuous Learning	20%	No	Tuesday 8 May 2018
A#3 Collective reflection	10%	No	Tuesday 22 May 2018
A#4 Understanding Leadership	50%	No	Tuesday 5 June 2018

A#1 Website appraisal

Due: **Tuesday 20 March 2018**
Weighting: **20%**

In this assignment, students will be assessing the usefulness of two websites relevant to their work as Educational Leaders in EC settings.

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A#2 Continuous Learning

Due: **Tuesday 8 May 2018**
Weighting: **20%**

In this assignment, students are expected to develop a presentation on a topic of relevance to staff working in EC settings.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- 2. Demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of structural forces impacting on EC leadership and management.
- 3. Research, evaluate, and synthesize learning derived from multiple sources to enhance interactions with staff and families in Early Childhood organisations.
- 4. Demonstrate a capacity for effective communication as competent early childhood leaders and managers.

A#3 Collective reflection

Due: **Tuesday 22 May 2018**
Weighting: **10%**

The aim of this assignment is to extend students' understandings through collaborative critical exploration of individual presentations.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- 3. Research, evaluate, and synthesize learning derived from multiple sources to enhance interactions with staff and families in Early Childhood organisations.
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A#4 Understanding Leadership

Due: **Tuesday 5 June 2018**
Weighting: **50%**

In this essay, students consider the application of leadership knowledge and skills by reflecting on the practice wisdom of those recognised as leaders in a variety of contexts.

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- 2. Demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of structural forces impacting on EC leadership and management.
- 3. Research, evaluate, and synthesize learning derived from multiple sources to enhance interactions with staff and families in Early Childhood organisations.
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Delivery and Resources

Electronic Communication

During semester time, staff may contact students using the following ways:

• Dialogue function on iLearn

• Official MQ Student Email Address

It is the students responsibility to check all electronic communication on a regular weekly basis.

Resources

The information in this Unit Guide must be read in conjunction with the A*ssessments, Readings & Study Guide for ECED834* that is available to

 download from iLearn.

Withdrawing from this PG Unit

If you are considering withdrawing from this unit, before you proceed, please seek academic advice by writing to ask.mq.edu.au because this may impact on your progression in this course.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy *(**Note:** The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)*

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- 2. Demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of structural forces impacting on EC leadership and management.
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Assessment tasks

- A#1 Website appraisal
- A#2 Continuous Learning
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PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and

knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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- A#3 Collective reflection
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