

# **ECED830**

# **Early Intervention: Theory and Practice**

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Department of Educational Studies

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## **General Information**

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Prerequisites

[Admission to (MTeach(Birth to Five) or GradCertEChild) and (ECED600 or ECED817) and (ECED602 or ECED819)] or [admission to MEChild or MEd or MEdLead or GradCertIndigenousEd or MIndigenousEd or MSpecEd or MSocEntre or GradCertEdS]

Corequisites

Co-badged status

ECHX830

### Unit description

This unit provides students with opportunities to extend their understanding of appropriate responses to the diverse needs of young children in early childhood practice including consideration of personal and social attitudes towards people who experience disability. Students will be able to integrate their knowledge of child developmental processes and early childhood curriculum into a framework focusing on the social and educational development of young children who experience disability or difference, including inclusive approaches to teaching. Both theory and research-based practice will be explored, as well as the needs of families and how these intersect through social policy, service provision, early intervention and inclusive education.

# Important Academic Dates

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

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# **General Assessment Information**

Assignment extensions and late penalties

Applications for extensions must be made via AskMQ at <a href="https://ask.mq.edu.au">https://ask.mq.edu.au</a> as a Special Consideration request before the submission date. Students who experience a disruption to their

studies through ill-health or misadventure are able to apply for this request. Extensions can only be granted if they meet the Special Considerations policy and are submitted via <a href="https://ask.mq.e">https://ask.mq.e</a> du.au/. This will ensure consistency in the consideration of such requests is maintained.

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# **Assessment Tasks**

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Student Project Part A	25%	No	30/08/2019

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Student Project Part B	35%	No	27/09/2019
Student Project Part C	20%	No	27/10/2019
Compilation of Blog Posts	20%	No	8/11/2019

# Student Project Part A

Due: **30/08/2019** Weighting: **25%** 

During this unit, you are required to undertake a student project in which you identify the area of greatest concern to you in being prepared to be an inclusive early childhood professional and in welcoming and supporting the education, development and care of all children in early childhood settings. The focus area of your student project will depend on you as an individual – as each of us comes from our own unique perspectives and life experiences.

You are required to focus your project on your own learning and your role, or perceived role, as an early childhood professional. Please contact the unit convenor if you have questions regarding your focus area for your project.

This first assignment (student project part A) requires you to develop and share a topic focus and rationale, and an annotated bibliography.

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# Student Project Part B

Due: **27/09/2019** Weighting: **35%** 

This assignment requires you to complete an analysis and review of relevant research and, drawing on this, to develop strategies to address this area of concern, including the development of practical ways to incorporate learning into everyday early childhood practice. This assignment is a review of the literature and articulation of strategies to address your chosen topic, including the development of practical ways to incorporate what you are learning through this project into everyday early childhood practice.

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# Student Project Part C

Due: **27/10/2019** Weighting: **20%** 

This assignment is intended to develop your ability to share your professional knowledge with peers in the field and, through this sharing, facilitate student-directed input into the learning outcomes for this unit. This assessment is also designed to facilitate self-reflection as you draw together your thoughts on the learning process you have undertaken throughout the semester. The final component of this project is to share and reflect on your own learning and the implications of your findings for inclusive early childhood practice. You will be required to do this by developing and sharing a teacher handout addressing your topic and leading a seminar discussion on your focus area in tutorials (ECED830 internal) on the second on campus day (ECED830 external) or online discussion (ECHX830).

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# Compilation of Blog Posts

Due: **8/11/2019** Weighting: **20%** 

The final component of this project involves weekly online contributions (discussion posts) on the unit website. You are required to post a minimum of one 'blog post' (discussion post) per week on an issue related to your learning in this unit. You are strongly encouraged to engage in discussion with your peers and engage in collaborative learning through the blogging process. Questions will be posted online each week. You may also start discussion conversations on relevant issues.

At the end of the semester you are required to choose five of your 'blog posts' to submit for this assessment. Each of these posts is expected to be approximately 250-400 words in length.

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# **Delivery and Resources**

### Required text

Cologon, K. (Ed.) (2014). *Inclusive education in the early years: Right from the start*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

### Information about the iLearn site

This unit has a full web presence through iLearn.

Students will need regular access to a computer and the Internet to complete this unit.

Weekly access to iLearn is compulsory for all students. Important assessment information will be posted here, as will other relevant unit notices and materials, including a reading template and guide to lecture note taking to assist your studies.

Various activities and materials for discussion and critical reflection are included and external students especially are encouraged to use this web component. Electronic links and suggested references will be included in the Resources section. Please check the iLearn unit regularly.

#### ECED830/ECHX830 Lectures

Two one-hour weekly lectures are available on the Unit's iLearn through the ECHO360 lecture component.

PowerPoint slides are available in iLearn in advance of the weekly lectures.

#### **ECED830 Internal Tutorials**

- ECED830 Internal: Two hour weekly tutorials with attendance at all tutorials expected.
- In the internal tutorial's, students will discuss issues and questions arising from the lectures and prescribed readings. They are expected to base their arguments/ discussions on evidence from published research and other relevant material.

#### **ECED830 External Tutorials**

- ECED830 External: The on campus sessions for this unit will be held on Saturday 31st August and Saturday 26th October. Attendance at on campus days for external students is also expected. More information will be available on the unit iLearn closer to each.
- Activities completed during on campus days (external) are essential for building the core
  knowledge and/or skills required to demonstrate the learning outcomes of this
  unit. Attendance at all on campus days is expected and the roll will be taken.

### ECHX830

The version of the unit is online only.

### Access and technical assistance

Information for students about access to the online component of this unit is available at <a href="mailto:ilearn.m">ilearn.m</a> <a href="mailto:q.edu.au/login/MQ/">q.edu.au/login/MQ/</a>. You will need to enter your student username and password.

Please do NOT contact the Unit Convenor regarding iLearn technical help.

No extensions will be given for any technical issues. Allow enough time for your submissions.

Assistance is available from IT Helpdesk ph: 1800 67 4357, or log a request at <a href="help.mq.edu.a">help.mq.edu.a</a>
<a href="help.mq.edu.a">u. OneHelp is the online IT support service for both students and staff.</a>

This unit requires students to use several ICT and software skills:

- Internet access: The iLearn site contains materials for this unit; it is also required for the online submission of all Assessment Tasks, and for the use of Turnitin submission for ALL tasks.
- · Word processing, visual representations, and document formatting: You are required to

use an appropriate form of software to present your assignments.

Uploading of assessment tasks to iLearn.

# **Unit Schedule**

Please refer to iLearn for details on the ECED830/ECED830 unit schedule.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.m.g.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 <u>Student Policy Gateway</u> (htt ps://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 published on platform other than <u>eStudent</u>, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 <u>eStudent</u>. For more information visit <u>ask.mq.edu.au</u> or if you are a Global MBA student contact <u>globalmba.support@mq.edu.au</u>

### **Unit Expectations**

- Students are expected to read weekly readings before completing tasks and attending tutorials
- Students are expected to listen/attend weekly lectures before completing tasks and attending tutorials

Note: It is not the responsibility of unit staff to contact students who have failed to submit assignments. If you have any missing items of assessment, it is your responsibility to make contact with the unit convenor.

#### **Electronic Communication**

It is the student's responsibility to check all electronic communication on a regular weekly basis. Communication may occur via:

- · Official MQ Student Email Address
- · The Dialogue function on iLearn
- · Other iLearn communication functions

# Student Support

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

# **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 <u>Disability Service</u> 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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/about\_us/">http://www.mq.edu.au/about\_us/</a> offices\_and\_units/information\_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the <u>Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy</u>. 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:

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### Assessment tasks

- · Student Project Part B
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# PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

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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

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### Results

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