

# Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)

# The Singapore campus of James Cook University

Established in 2003

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is fully owned by James Cook University Australia, which is ranked in the top 2%\* of universities in the world. James Cook University Australia established its Singapore campus in 2003 as part of its expressed intent of internationalising its activities and offers a suite of university level programs at the Singapore campus covering the areas of Business, Information Technology, Psychology, Education, Accounting, Arts, Aquaculture, Environmental Science, Games Design, Tourism and Hospitality.

James Cook University offers Higher Degree by Research programs\* such as Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and pathways to a higher degree.

Additionally, the campus offers courses at the pre-university level, specifically designed to provide pathways for students who are unable to immediately meet university entrance standards.

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is located at Sims Drive. The campus provides students with access to a full range of facilities and services to support their learning. These include lecture and seminar rooms, library and associated study facilities, computer laboratories, financial lab and access to a variety of sporting facilities.

## James Cook University Inter-campus Mobility Program

James Cook University provides the opportunity for students to study in Singapore and in Australia and yet still remain as Singapore based students paying their fees in Singapore currency. This is a unique program in Asia because the university operates across both countries. The program is designed to ensure the students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university.

## EduTrust Star

James Cook University has the highest level of quality assurance in Singapore for Private Education Institutions. This is known as EduTrust Star and is a symbol of recognition for outstanding achievement. EduTrust Star is awarded to those institutions for attaining a commendable level of performance in managing their institutions and providing an outstanding quality of education and welfare for their students.

James Cook University is the first organisation with EduTrust Star. By obtaining this award for the second time in 2019, James Cook University has displayed its commitment and focus as a student centric educational institution.

## SQC STAR

James Cook University has also been awarded the Singapore Quality Class STAR (SQC STAR). The SQC STAR recognises SQC organisations that have made further improvement in their business excellence journey.

\* The 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)





*James Cook University's Education degrees offer a world of opportunities, whether you plan a teaching career in an urban area, a rural or remote setting, or taking your skills overseas and travelling the world.*

A degree in Education from James Cook University has global recognition and value.

Note: International students in Singapore on a Student Pass are not permitted to work. For more information please visit [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg)

James Cook University is EduTrust Certified. The EduTrust certification scheme is administered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). EduTrust requires all students to be covered under a Fee Protection Scheme. In James Cook University, this is provided through an insurance protection scheme. Further, EduTrust also requires that the students must be covered under a medical insurance coverage which has provision for hospitalisation, surgery and treatment costs throughout their course duration. James Cook University will advise in the Standard Student Contract the total amount of insurance payable.

For more details please visit the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) website: [www.cpe.gov.sg](http://www.cpe.gov.sg)



# Bachelor of Education<sup>1</sup>

## (Early Childhood Education)

The early years of life are a time of rapid brain development as the foundations of learning and development are laid. High quality early childhood education makes a difference to the lives of young children during their prior-to-school years and the early years of schooling. As an Early Childhood Education student you will focus on the education and care of children aged from birth to eight years, learning about educational psychology and sociology, early childhood curricula, and pedagogy.

Overall you will experience 120 days of workplace learning in a range of early childhood (prior to school) and school locations. We draw on our strong partnerships in a variety of educational settings to organise suitable placement for you in a variety of venues.

This course is nationally accredited through the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) in association with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT). Graduates of this course will be eligible to apply for Teacher registration in Australia.

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) is also fully accredited with ACECQA, the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority.

*Note: The programme is not a Singapore Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)-accredited programme. Graduates who wish to work in the local early childhood sector will need to submit an application to ECDA for Teacher Registration via a preschool. Approval by ECDA will be subjected to the applicant meeting the requirements for Teacher Registration.*

**Duration:** 3 years full-time  
6 years part-time

**Course Structure:** 3 trimesters per year  
(full-time: normally 4 subjects per trimester  
part-time: normally 2 subjects per trimester)

**Intakes:** March, July, November

**Total Tuition Fees:** S\$63,986 (International)  
S\$61,846 (Domestic)\*

*\*Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).*

*Note: All course fees include prevailing 7% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Students will pay the tuition fees in equal instalments. The details of the breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.*

### Career Prospects:

Early Childhood Education is a specialized field of education that leads to leadership positions in kindergartens and preschools or teaching positions in international schools in Singapore, and teaching positions in schools, preschools, kindergartens and child care centres in Australia. The degree also qualifies you to teach in the UK, and New Zealand. Recognition of the qualification in other nations needs to be individually pursued.

<sup>1</sup> The students will be eligible for the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) award title if they have completed a minimum of 41 days of placement in prescribed education placements in Australia.

The students who have not completed 41 days of placement in Australia will graduate with a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education degree.

# Course Structure

Students need to complete the following subjects:

## LEVEL 1

- Education Perspectives and Practice
- Science and Sustainability in Education
- Foundations of Language and Literacy in Education
- Early Childhood Education and Care 1
- Technologies for Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Arts Education
- Educational Psychology: Learners and Learning
- Teaching Mathematics and Numeracy in Primary and Early Childhood Settings

## LEVEL 2

- Health and Physical Education for Early Childhood
- Early Childhood Mathematics and Numeracy
- Early Childhood Language and Literacy
- Planning for Engaging Learning
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences for Early Childhood
- Science Education for Early Childhood
- Students with Reading Difficulties

## LEVEL 3

- Inclusive Education: Differentiated Learning for Students with Special Needs and Abilities
- English as an Additional Language/Dialect for Indigenous Learners
- Technologies Across the Curriculum
- Advanced English Education for Early Childhood
- Early Childhood Mathematics and Numeracy 2
- Reflective Teaching Cycles and Positive Learning Environments (ECE)
- Early Childhood Education and Care 2

## LEVEL 4

- Service Learning for Sustainable Futures
- Indigenous Futures
- Fourth Year Professional Experience A
- Fourth Year Professional Experience B
- Leading Wellbeing and Sustainability in Learning Communities
- Teachers as Ethical and Collaborative Change Agents
- Education across Culturally Diverse Contexts

In addition, students complete 120 days of professional placement across the degree in a range of settings for children 0-8 years of age in Singapore and other approved international sites as required.

## Additional Information

1. Students who complete the degree and undertake as part of the degree a minimum of 41 days of placement in prescribed education placements in Australia will receive a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) and will be eligible to apply for registration as a teacher in Australia through recognition of completing an accredited course. Those who complete this fully accredited Australian program must undertake professional experience in Australia and are required to take the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) and meet the standards as a condition of graduation.

*\*Travel and living expenses in Australia will be at students' own cost.*

2. Students who complete the degree and who do not undertake 41 days of Professional Experience in Australia will receive a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education degree and will have to check on eligibility to apply for registration as a teacher in Australia on an individual basis.
3. Upon graduation students must demonstrate an overall IELTS (or equivalent) score of 7.5 (with no score below 7 in any of the four skills areas, and a score of no less than 8 in speaking and listening) as required by the Queensland College of Teachers in order to be eligible to be a teacher in Queensland, Australia. The cost of testing will be met by applicant.
4. All students are required to attend a compulsory 5-day on-campus intensive Professional Orientation Program in their final year of study. This intensive program prepares you for your transition to teaching.
5. International students on a Student Pass will have to complete the teaching focussed professional experience subjects in countries other than Singapore.



## Ling Yi

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*"I have a Diploma in Child Psychology and Early Education. Thus it is logical for me to further my studies in the same field. The whole program enhances and advances what I have learnt in my Diploma. The diverse exposure and content of James Cook University's*

*Bachelor of Education offers me a fuller insight into Education. It helped me to sharpen my skills, equipped me with more knowledge, and taught me how to communicate with people from different cultures in this cosmopolitan society."*

# Entry Requirements

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- The entry requirement differ from country to country, but in general, applicants must have satisfactorily completed 12 years of schooling or equivalent.
- Successful completion of the James Cook University Singapore Foundation Program will also satisfy the entry requirement, subject to meeting English Language, subject pre-requisites and non-academic requirements.

### Pre-requisite

- English subject equivalent to Grade D or higher in A level English or any language rich subject, or Grade C or higher in AS level English and/or successful completion of any English language rich subject deemed comparable to Australian standards, assessed on a case-by-case basis

### Additional Requirement

- Applicant needs to submit a QTAC Online Questionnaire / Personal Statement for assessment

- Mathematics A or B or C subject equivalent to Grade D or higher in A level Mathematics, or Grade C or higher in AS level Mathematics, or Grade of C or higher in O level Mathematics
- Science subject equivalent to Grade D or higher in A level or C or higher in AS level: Biology, Biology (Human), Chemistry, Physics

### English Requirements

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of an overall score of 6.5 in Academic IELTS (or equivalent) with sub-scores no less than 7.0 in Speaking and Listening and no less than 6.0 in Reading and Writing; or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP)



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