The Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (GDipECE) programme is designed for practicing early childhood educators who want to expand their academic knowledge and enhance their professional skills. It is specially tailored for educators who intend to acquire a recognised qualification in early childhood education but are unable to leave their place of work. It can be done fully online and with face-to-face interaction (optional), which is suitable for working adults.

**Learning Outcomes**

- Able to apply knowledge of child development in planning supportive and challenging learning environments for children.
- Able to plan and implement Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP) for young children, with sensitivity to individual needs.
- Able to explain organisational regulations, policies, ethical guidelines, and standards associated with the provision of early childhood education services.
- Able to appreciate that teaching young children is an art, science, craft and profession.

**Entry Requirements**

- Diploma approved by the MQA (Malaysian Qualifications Agency), OR
- A minimum of two (2) Principals in STPM or equivalent qualifications (eg. A-Level), OR
- Open Entry Requirements recognised by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia
  - Be at least 21 years of age and possess a PMR/SPM/MCE/UEC or equivalent qualifications, subject to an assessment of work experience and prior learning experience AND 2 years teaching experience or related experience in an education/ training institution, OR
- Other qualifications recognised by the AeU Senate.

Mode of delivery: Student can choose to pursue this programme fully online or a combination of online and face-to-face interaction.
**SUBJECTS**

**Core**
1. Foundations of Early Childhood Education
2. Growth and Development of Children
3. Curriculum, Planning & Teaching Strategies
4. Education Psychology
5. Language & Literacy in Young Children
6. Technology & Children
7. Children’s Health, Nutrition & Safety
8. Children with Special Needs
9. Creative Arts, Music & Movement
10. History & Philosophy of Education
11. Home-School Partnership & Management of Early Childhood Centres
12. Humanities for Young Children
13. Socio Emotional Development of Children
14. Science for Young Children
15. Children Learning Mathematics
16. Teaching Practicum

**General**

**Applicable to Malaysian Students only**
1. Tamadun Islam dan Tamadun Asia
2. Hubungan Etnik
3. Academic Writing
4. Comparative Ethics
5. Social Responsibility Project

**Applicable to International Students only**
1. Malay Language (Bahasa Melayu) and Communication
2. Malaysian Studies
3. Academic Writing
4. Comparative Ethics
5. Social Responsibility Project

*Courses offered are subject to change without prior notice*

**PROGRAMME FACTS**

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All learning materials are provided, no need to purchase textbooks.