

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (R-DL/143/6/0122) 08/21

The Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education (GDipECE) programme is designed for practicing early childhood educators and childcare providers who want to expand their academic knowledge and enhance their professional skills. It is specially tailored for educators and childcare providers who intend to acquire a recognised qualification in early childhood education but are unable to leave their place of work. The programme is internationally benchmarked, approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.



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

NORMAL ENTRY

Malaysian & International Students:

- 'A' Levels / STPM / STAM / Diploma or its equivalent accepted by AeU Senate

Note: International students are required to attain a level of English Language Proficiency equivalent to IELTS of 5.5 or TOEFL score of 550 or passed the AeU Placement Test or other equivalent approved by the Senate of AeU.

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) Entry Requirements:

- 21 years of age as of 1st January in the year of application
- Other equivalent qualifications recognised by the Senate of AeU; and
- Possess relevant work experience
- Passed an aptitude test and APEL assessment.

SUBJECTS

Core

1. Foundations of Early Childhood Education
2. Growth and Development of Children
3. Curriculum & Teaching Strategies
4. Educational 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
12. Humanities for Young Children
13. Children's Socio-Emotional Development
14. Science for Young Children
15. Children Learning Mathematics
16. 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. Ethnic Relations
2. Islamic & Asia Civilization
3. Academic Writing
4. Comparative Ethics
5. Social Responsibility Project

* Courses offered are subject to change without prior notice

**Annual Intakes:
January / May / September**



PROGRAMME FACTS

Fully Online	✓	Blended Learning	✓
Duration	2- 2 1/2 years		
Face-to-Face Interaction	Once a month on weekends with 3 meetings per subject (total of 10 hours)		
Assessment	Coursework	60%	
	Final Exam	40%	

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

This programme can be completed by fully online and enhanced by having facilitation sessions, which are suitable for working adults.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND AIDS*

For Malaysian and International students:

- Merit Scholarship available for top-performing students
- 10% discount on tuition fee available through student loyalty scheme

For Malaysian students only:

- 10% discount on tuition fee for full payment of semester fees
- 50% discount on tuition fee for senior citizens who are 55 years of age & above
- 75% discount on tuition fee for the disabled
- EPF withdrawal assistance
- PTPTN loan assistance
- RM7,000 personal income tax relief

* Terms and conditions apply

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