EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
(B.SOCIAL SCIENCE, M.TEACHING [BIRTH TO 5 YEARS] OR ELECTIVE STREAM)

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the B. Social Science (Early Childhood Education) can work in professional roles as a family liaison officer, or project officer working with families and communities.

The Bachelor of Social Science is your direct on-ramp to our cutting-edge Master of Teaching (Birth-12 years) which also allows you to graduate early with a Master of Teaching (Birth-5 years).

Because these qualifications give you a comprehensive understanding of the current curriculum and policy context of early childhood, they will allow you to accelerate quickly through your early career into higher-level teaching and directing positions. And with a double-degree, you’ll always maintain that edge.

The Bachelor of Social Science with a major in Early Childhood Education Studies has a strong focus on early childhood studies, as well as languages and linguistics, and working with families and community organisations, you’ll have even more opportunities - and more exciting ones - than graduates of other programs.

Students intending to seek employment as teachers in prior-to-school or school settings must complete the Master of Teaching in addition to the Bachelor of Social Science.

Recommended Study Pattern

The Bachelor of Social Science (pathway to Master of Teaching) degree is made up of eight core units of study, with one major and two sub-majors.

Students enrolled at Penrith complete the following four units from the Geography and Urban Studies and Peace and Development Studies major:

- 101590 Cultural and Social Geographies
- 101481 Geographies of Migration
- 101569 Sustainable Futures
- 101570 Alternatives to Violence

Social Science Units (80cp)

- 101553 Organisations, Communities and Communication
- 101551 Understanding Society
- 101556 Geographies of Social Difference
- 101557 The Individual and Society
- 100958-1 Australia and the World
- 100960-1 Contemporary Society
- 100965 - 100876 Media and Visual Culture
- 100968 Texts and Traditions

Education Major Unit Pool (80cp)

Pool A

- 100633 Mathematical Patterns and Relationships
- 101616 Mathematics Principles and Applications

Pool B

- 101647 Play Development and Learning
- 101638 Learning in the Early Years
- 100309 Contemporary Perspectives of Childhoods
- 101627 Connecting Communities in Early Childhood Education
- 101623 Ethical Futures
- 101648 Early Intervention and Prevention in Early Childhood Contexts

Languages and Linguistics Sub-Major Unit Pool (40cp)

- 101457 Second Language Acquisition
- 101626 Children’s Literature: Images and Texts
- 2 units of a Language (Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese or Spanish)

Social Science Sub-Major Unit Pool (40cp)

Students enrolled at Bankstown complete the following four units from the Child and Community major:

- 101595 Community and Social Action
- 101381 Child Abuse as a Social Issue
- 101374 Community Management and Organisations
- 101597 Family Violence: Policy and Practice