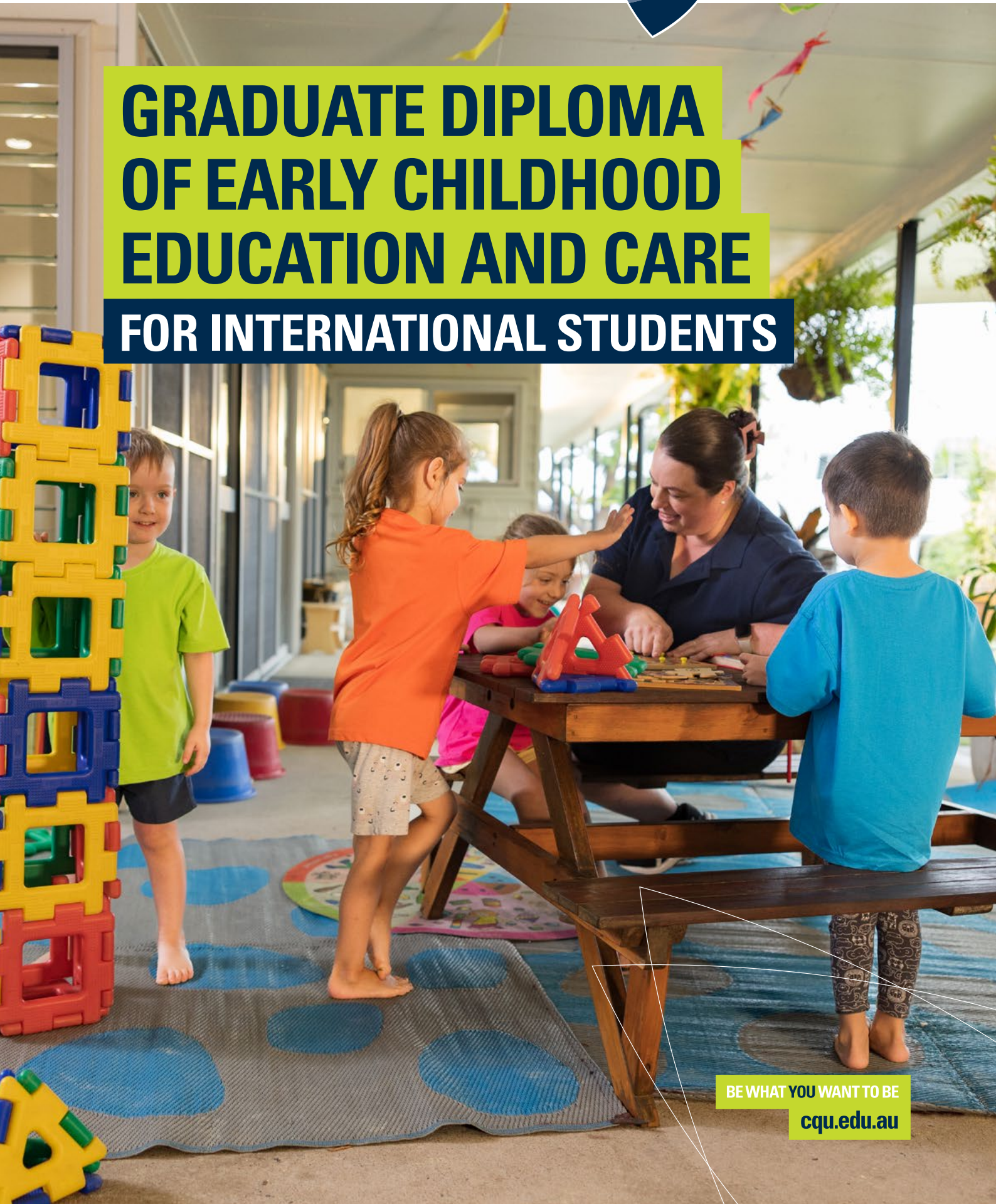


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# GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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<sup>2</sup> The Good Universities Guide 2024

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## TRANSFORM YOUNG LIVES BECOME AN EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER

Be the change you want to see and fast-track your journey to becoming a qualified Early Childhood Teacher in just one year with CQUniversity's Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

In just two terms, you'll gain the qualifications to inspire young minds and shape the future, working in early childhood education and care settings such as long day care centres, preschools, and early learning services.

This course equips you with the skills and knowledge needed to foster children's learning from birth to five years old. You'll dive deep into key theories, practices, and principles that form the foundation of this impactful profession. Plus, you'll gain the practical experience to bring those lessons to life.

### WHAT SETS THIS COURSE APART?

- » 60 days of hands-on, professional experience in early childhood education settings.
- » A focus on not just teaching but engaging with young children to inspire their development and growth.
- » A supportive learning environment designed to prepare you for a rewarding career in a dynamic and essential field.

Join us and be part of a profession that makes a lasting difference.

### WHAT IS AN EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER?

An Early Childhood Teacher is a degree qualified professional who works in early childhood education and care settings to support the development of pre-school aged children and deliver educational programs based on the Early Years Learning Framework.

Early Childhood Teachers' focus is holistic – integrating all dimensions of children's learning including physical, personal, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and cognitive aspects of learning. Early childhood teachers are committed to practice that support children's learning in partnership with children and their families.

## COURSE OVERVIEW

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**COURSE CODE:** CM79

**DURATION:** 1 year full-time

**INTAKES:** Term 1

**AVAILABILITY:** Online

**ESTIMATED TERM FEE:** A\$15 000      **ESTIMATED ANNUAL FEE:** A\$30 000

#### COURSE STRUCTURE

You will complete a total of 8 units that address the curriculum content and professional experience requirements outlined by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

The course develops professional knowledge, practice and skills for working with the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia with children from birth to prior to school age.

##### TERM 1

- » Examining the Early Childhood Education and Care Context
- » Play, Purpose and Pedagogy
- » Working with Infants and Toddlers
- » Early Language, Literacy and the Creative Arts

##### TERM 2

- » Curious Learners: Exploring STEM and Sustainability
- » Responding to Difference: Children, Families and Communities
- » Leadership in the Contemporary Early Childhood Policy Landscape
- » Creating a Supportive Learning Environment

#### REAL-WORLD OPPORTUNITIES

The course includes work-integrated learning placements in childcare/early learning centres. There are 60 days of placement completed over three placements:

##### TERM 1

- » 15-day placement with children birth to 24 months
- » 15-day placement with children 3 – 4 years

##### TERM 2

- » 30-day placement with children 4 – 5 years

#### CAREER

This course includes units that address the curriculum content and professional experience requirements outlined by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) to equip you as an Early Childhood Teacher.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is currently pending approval by the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) for employment purposes as an Early Childhood Teacher in childcare/early learning centres across Australia.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

##### ACADEMIC

To be considered for entry into this course, you must demonstrate the following:

- » a 3-year Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Bachelor degree, or overseas equivalent qualification, with a minimum overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 4.0; or
- » a relevant Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care qualification plus a minimum of five years of documented, relevant employment experience in a leadership position within an early childhood setting (e.g. Activity Group Leader, Head Teacher, Centre Director, Educational Leader, Group Leader).

Employment experience must be shown in a statement of service, which is presented on a company letterhead, signed and dated by a delegated authority from within the organisation (e.g. line supervisor or human resource officer). The statement must contain your full name, position title, duties performed, employment start date (mm/yyyy) and end date (mm/yyyy), or stating you are still employed, if applicable.

##### ENGLISH

Minimum academic IELTS (or equivalent) of 6.5 with no individual band score of less than 6.5 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

If you do not satisfy the entry requirements, you will need to undertake an English language proficiency test.

English entry requirements can be met by showing an approved English language test, such as the IELTS or equivalent. Visit: [cqu.edu.au/englishreq](http://cqu.edu.au/englishreq)

CQUniversity also offer English language pathways to help you meet entry requirements. Visit: [cqu.edu.au/cquenglish](http://cqu.edu.au/cquenglish)

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

You may be eligible for the International Merit Scholarship, which awards you up to 25 per cent of your course tuition fees for the duration of your studies, provided terms and conditions are met.

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## 2025 KEY DATES

### TERM 1

Classes begin	10 March
Classes end	6 June
Exam	12 – 20 June
University Vacation	23 June – 11 July

Term dates are subject to change.

Students are encouraged to lodge their applications at least six to eight weeks prior to the commencement of each intake.

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