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Faculty of Education

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Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education



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The Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) trains students to be ECCE teachers to teach young children between birth to 4 years. Students completing this programme specialise in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). Students gain admission to the programme with appropriate combinations for recognised NSC subjects and certain levels of achievement in those subjects.



Who are the ideal candidates?

The Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education degree is an undergraduate programme for candidates who want to register to become qualified ECCE professional educators.



Structure of programme



Career opportunities

ECCE professional educators and entrepreneurs (ECD principals/directors)



What makes this programme unique?

Early Childhood Development (ECD) has been recognised as a critical nodal point for the country's social and economic transformation and development. The University of Pretoria will first offer an initial professional degree to ECCE educators. In this regard, adding the Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education (birth to 4 years) to the current Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching programme broadens the ECD programme mix and significantly contributes to the ECD sector.

Furthermore, the programme equips students who enrol for this degree, with the required disciplinary knowledge, educational theory and pedagogy that will enable them to demonstrate competence and responsibility as academically and professionally qualified ECCE educators.

Fundamental modules

- Literacies in education
- Education 1, 2 and 3
- Work Integrated Learning 1, 2 and 3
- Academic information management
- Conversational competence (IsiZulu/Sepedi/Setswana)

Core modules

- Curriculum and pedagogy in the early years
- Literacy in the early years 1, 2 and 3
- Creativity in early years 1 and 2
- Health, safety and nutrition
- Belonging, being and becoming
- Exploring Mathematics in the early years 1 and 2
- Research project
- Assessment in the early years
- Curriculum and pedagogy in the early years
- Constructions of early childhood
- Science and technology for the early years
- Professional practice in the early years 1 and 2
- Inclusive education in the early years
- Partnerships in the family and community
- Management in the early years
- Professional practice

Minimum admission requirements

Programmes	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026	
	Achievement level	APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	
Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education [4 years]	4	28

Careers: ECCE professional educators and entrepreneurs (ECD principals/directors)

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Minimum requirements for applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa)



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	Achievement level				KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/or registration.			AS Level	A Level	IB			
		CIE	UK		GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Care and Education										
Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching [Grade R to Grade 3]										
Bachelor of Education in Intermediate Phase Teaching [Grades 4 to 6]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching [Grades 7 to 12]—General										
Bachelor of Education in Senior Phase and Further Education and Training Teaching [Grades 7 to 12]—Physical Sciences or Life Sciences option	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry or Biology*	D C C C	3 4 4 4	3 3 3 3	D C C C	E E E E	2 4 4 4	2 3 3 3	50-59% 60-69% 60-69% 60-69%	C+ B B B
Higher Certificate in Sports Sciences [1 year]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Higher Certificate in Sports Sciences** [2 years]	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+

Only English with at least a C symbol on this level can be considered for final admission.

* Offer both PHYSICS and CHEMISTRY or BIOLOGY and another subject on A Level or AS Level

** The Higher Certificate in Sports Sciences programme is a part-time online programme.