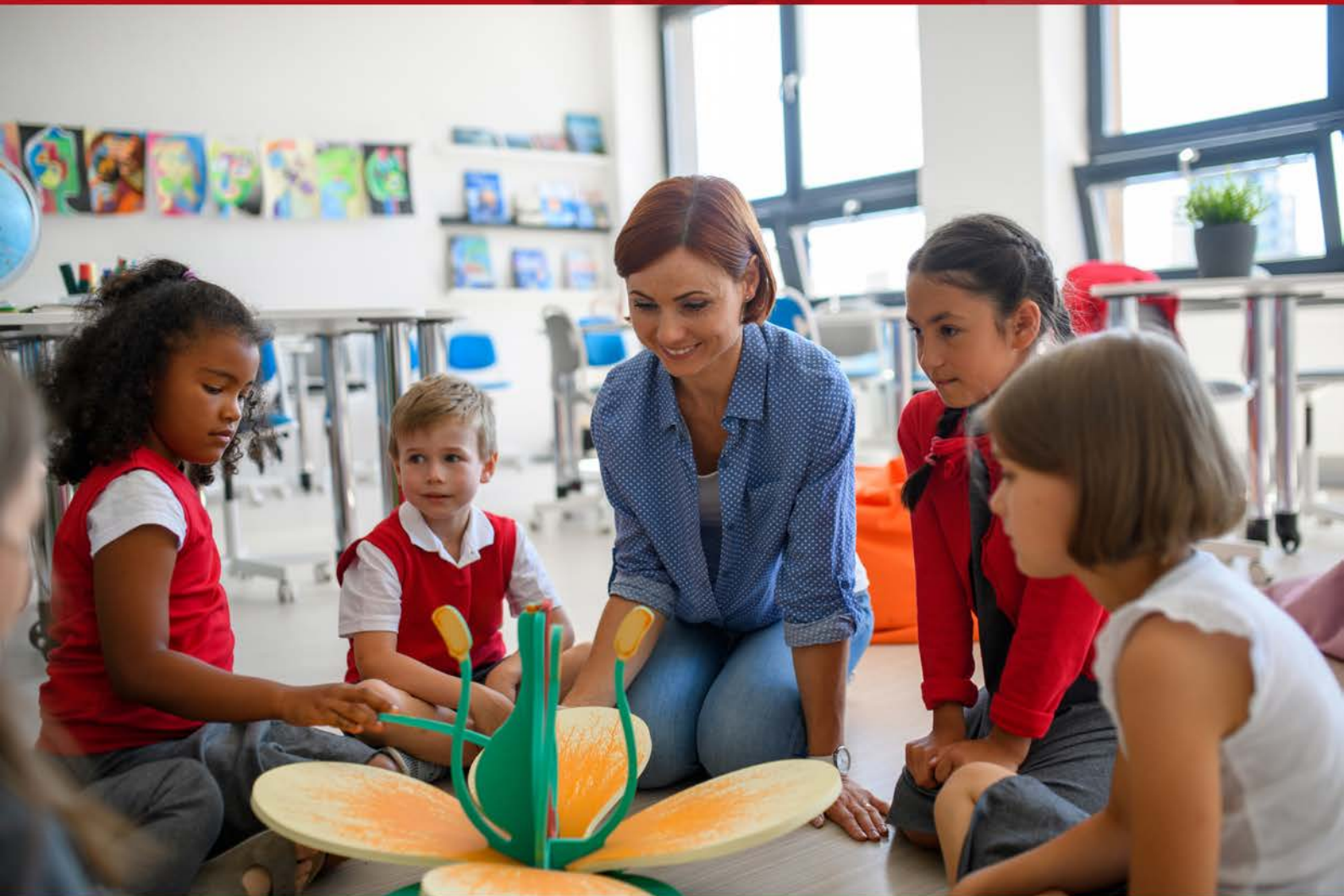




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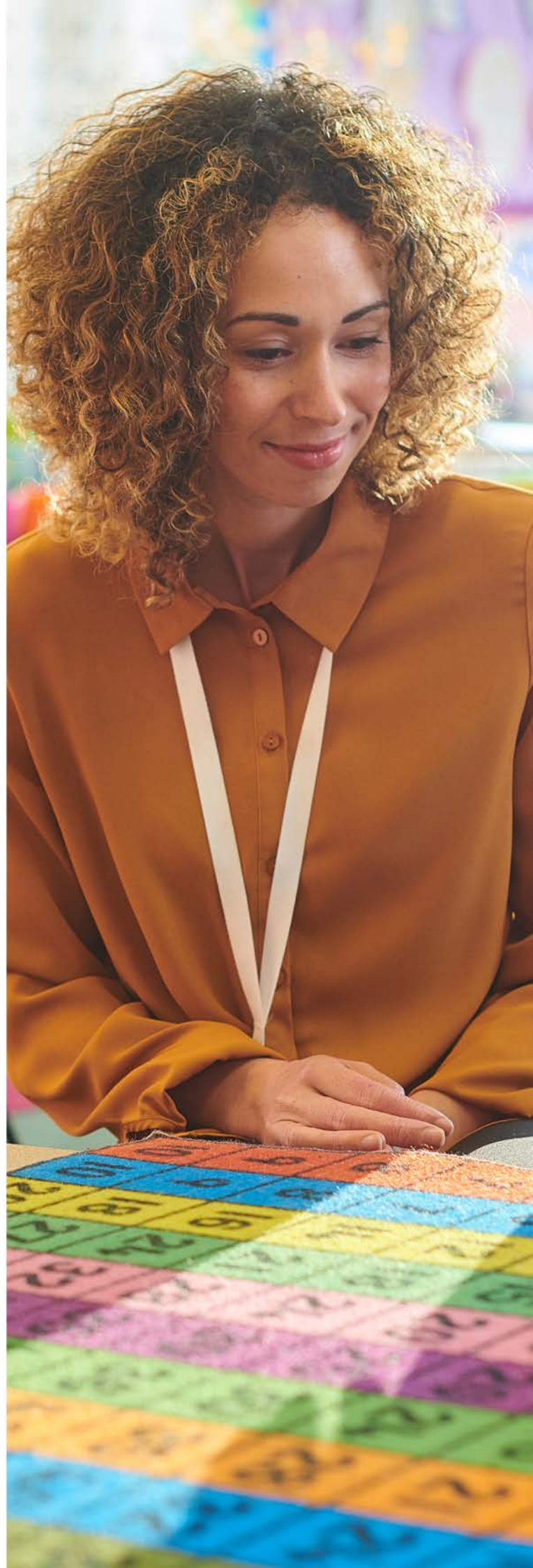
Your education & teaching path starts here

Prepare for a rewarding teaching career with Holmes Institute. Focusing on early childhood, our education masters degree combines theory, research, and practical placements to equip you with the skills and confidence to lead in classrooms across Australia and beyond.



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Explore Our Courses



Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood

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Gain the core skills to begin teaching in early childhood with the one-year Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood at Holmes Institute.



Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)

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Prepare for a rewarding career shaping young lives with the Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) at Holmes Institute.

Our Innovative Approach

- Industry-focused curriculum designed in consultation with professionals to ensure real-world relevance from day one.
- Smaller class sizes that foster personalised learning, mentoring, and meaningful academic support.
- Hands-on learning through case studies, simulations, and practical assessments that build job-ready skills.
- Global perspectives are embedded across the course to prepare you for international careers and cross-border opportunities.



Michael Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) Student

“Holmes Institute’s Master of Early Childhood Teaching transformed the way I understand and support young learners. The program offered a perfect balance of research-based theory and practical classroom experience, allowing me to apply new strategies with confidence.

The lecturers were incredibly supportive and always encouraged us to think creatively about child development and learning. By the time I completed the course, I felt fully prepared to take on advanced teaching roles and make a meaningful impact in early childhood education.”

What Our Students Say



Emma Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Student

“The Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Teaching at Holmes Institute was the ideal stepping stone for my career change into education. The course structure was clear, engaging, and highly relevant to what teachers face in real centres and classrooms.

I appreciated how approachable the teaching staff were—they took the time to mentor us, provide feedback, and ensure we felt confident during our placements. This program gave me the professional skills, practical experience, and motivation I needed to begin my journey as an early childhood teacher.”



Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood



Quick Facts

INTAKES:

- March, July & November

LOCATIONS

- Melbourne, Sydney, Gold Coast & Brisbane

DURATION

- 1 Year Full Time

FEES

- Please see our website
- FEE-Help Eligible course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of a Bachelor Degree
- For full entry requirements see our website

Course Overview

Fast-Track into Early Childhood Teaching

The Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood is a one-year postgraduate qualification designed to equip you with the essential knowledge, practical skills and professional confidence to work effectively with young children. It also serves as the first year of the Master of Teaching (Early Childhood), giving you a smooth and direct pathway into the full master's degree should you wish to continue.

In just 12 months, you'll complete a nationally recognised postgraduate qualification in early childhood education. All units in this graduate diploma are credited toward the Master of Teaching (Early Childhood), meaning you can progress straight into the second year of the master's program without repeating any subjects.

Throughout the course, you'll undertake supervised placements in early childhood settings, gaining hands-on experience, real-world teaching practice and valuable industry connections. Graduates can pursue entry-level roles in early childhood education or continue into the Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) to work toward full teacher registration.

Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this course will be able to:

- Evaluate and analyse theory and practice in child development, health and well-being, pedagogy, leadership, and management.
- Appraise pedagogy and practice in designing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs.
- Monitor and assess children's learning and development using a range of assessment tools.
- Evaluate research, issues and principles connected with professional decision-making as an early childhood professional/leader in educational settings.
- Communicate effectively as an ethical, reflective, and informed early childhood professional when working with colleagues, communities, children, their families, and other stakeholders.
- Identify abilities, interests, and needs of communities, children, and their families to develop inclusive programs which reflect an understanding of the diversity of Australian society.



“The course gave me the confidence and practical experience I needed to step into a real classroom.

The supportive lecturers and seamless pathway into the master's program made it the perfect way to begin my teaching career.”

— Olivia
Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood

Graduate Career Outcomes

- Childcare Educator
- Early Childhood Assistant
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Early Learning Support Officer

Long-Term Pathways

Many graduates also progress towards advanced roles such as:

- Continue into the Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)
- Work towards teacher registration via postgraduate study



Course Structure

The Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood comprises 7 core units plus 1 elective.

Year 1
HT5001 Foundations of Education Development
HT5002 Perspectives on Teaching, Learning and Development
HT5003 Children's Play, Creativity and the Arts
HT5004 Professional Placement 1
HT5005 Working as an Early Childhood Professional
HT5006 Children's Language and Literacy
HT5007 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
Elective*

* Graduate Diploma students need to complete HT5008 for this elective to have their qualification recognised by ACECQA

Professional Recognition

The Holmes Institute Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood course is approved by ACECQA. ACECQA determines if qualifications are equivalent to the approved educator qualifications under the National Quality Framework (NQF) and assesses skills for migration purposes.



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Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)



Quick Facts

INTAKES:

- March, July & November

LOCATIONS

- Melbourne, Sydney, Gold Coast & Brisbane

DURATION

- 2 Years Full Time

FEES

- Please see our website
- FEE-Help Eligible course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Successful completion of a Bachelor Degree
- For full entry requirements see our website

Course Overview

Become a Qualified Early Childhood Teacher

The Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) is designed for those who want to make a meaningful difference in the lives of young children. Combining advanced educational theory with practical, hands-on learning, the course equips you with the skills to understand how children think, grow, and engage with the world. You'll explore child development, curriculum design, and inclusive teaching practices while learning how to create nurturing environments that support every child's wellbeing and curiosity.

Throughout your studies, you'll undertake supervised placements that build your confidence and prepare you for real classrooms and early learning settings. The program also provides a clear pathway to professional registration, ensuring you graduate ready to step into teaching roles with competence and purpose. With a strong focus on reflective practice and leadership, this master's degree sets you up for a rewarding and impactful career in early childhood education.

Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this course will be able to:

- Critically evaluate and analyse theory and practice in child development, health and well-being, pedagogy, leadership, and management.
- Appraise pedagogy and practice in designing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs.
- Monitor and assess children's learning and development using a range of assessment tools.
- Critically evaluate research, issues and principles connected with professional decision-making as an early childhood professional/leader in educational settings.
- Communicate effectively as an ethical, reflective, and informed early childhood professional when working with colleagues, communities, children, their families, and other stakeholders.
- Identify abilities, interests, and needs of communities, children, and their families to develop inclusive programs which reflect an understanding of the diversity of Australian society.
- Synthesise educational research principles and methods to critically evaluate education programs and policies.



“The Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) transformed the way I understand and work with young children.

I finished the course not only ready for professional registration, but genuinely inspired by the impact I can make in children's lives every day.”

— Olivia
Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood

Graduate Career Outcomes

- Early Childhood Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Childcare Centre Educational Leader
- Early Years Curriculum Coordinator

Long-Term Pathways

Many graduates also progress towards advanced roles such as:

- Centre Director
- Early Years Consultant
- Policy Advisor in Early Childhood Education



Course Structure

The Master of Teaching (Early Childhood) comprises 15 core units and 1 elective.

YEAR 1	YEAR 2
HT5001 Foundations of Education Development	HT5008 Professional Placement 2
HT5002 Perspectives on Teaching, Learning and Development	HT6010 Children, Families and Communities
HT5003 Children's Play, Creativity and the Arts	HT6011 Assessing Child Learning and Development
HT5004 Professional Placement 1	HT6012 Diversity and Inclusion in Early Childhood Practice
HT5005 Working as an Early Childhood Professional	HT6013 Understanding and Supporting Children with Additional Needs
HT5006 Children's Language and Literacy	HT6014 Leading and Managing in Early Childhood Settings
HT5007 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	HT6015 Research for Early Childhood Professionals
Elective*	HT6016 Health, Nutrition, Ethics, Safety and Protection

Electives:
HT6017 Education Governance and Management
HT6018 Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education

Other postgraduate courses offered by Holmes approved by the Course Convenors

Elective/specialisation units are offered subject to demand and may not be offered in a given study period

Professional Recognition

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The Holmes Advantage

At Holmes Institute, you'll receive a future-focused education that blends academic excellence with real-world experience. We prepare you for success from your first class to your final exam. With personalised support, small class sizes, and a global network behind you, you won't just study early childhood teaching - you'll live it.

01

Personalised Support in Smaller Classes

Unlike large universities, Holmes offers smaller class sizes where students get direct access to experienced lecturers and tailored academic guidance throughout their studies.



03

Industry-Relevant Training and Professional Pathway Options

Our programs are built in partnership with the industry to ensure your training meets real-world standards.



02

Career-Ready Focus from Day One

Our courses integrate real-world case studies, and practical assessment tasks. Our students graduate with experience that mirrors the workplace, not just theory.



Campus Resources



Library

Our on-campus library is more than just books - it's a dedicated learning environment equipped with resources, research databases, and quiet zones ideal for exam prep or deep study.



Computer Lab

Get hands-on in our state-of-the-art computer lab, where students can sharpen their skills with industry-grade software and immersive training tools.



Study Spaces

Designed for both collaboration and concentration, our modern study spaces give students the flexibility to work solo or in groups between classes.

How to Apply

If you require assistance or have questions about the application process, please contact our admissions team at apply@holmes.edu.au.

Domestic Students

Domestic students may apply directly to Holmes Institute via our online application form available at:

www.holmes.edu.au/apply-now

Eligible domestic students may apply for FEE-HELP to assist with tuition costs. For details, visit: studyassist.gov.au.

International Students

International students are encouraged to apply through one of our partner education agents. You can find a list of partner agents at:

www.holmes.edu.au/policies

Required Documentation:

- A scanned copy or photo of your Passport,
- A copy of your academic certificate demonstrating you meet the academic requirements for your chosen course of study
- Proof of English via one of our approved English test providers or completion of an Australian bachelor's degree or higher





"The Graduate Diploma gave me the confidence to step into early learning settings straight away. The placements were invaluable and made me feel genuinely job-ready."

— Amelia
Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood



Stay Social With Us

"The master's program helped me understand how children learn on a deeper level. The support from lecturers made all the difference in building my teaching skills."

— Jordan
Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)



"I loved how practical and structured the course was. It opened the door to teaching for me and prepared me perfectly for continuing into the master's."

— Priya
Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood

"Placements, theory, and hands-on tasks all connected so well. I finished the master's feeling confident, inspired, and ready for professional registration."

— Lucas
Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)

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