COURSE REGULATIONS
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (EARLY CHILDHOOD)
GradCertEd(ECE)

COURSE CODE: 4069

THESE COURSE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 1.1.2017
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

1. These Course Regulations apply to all students who are enrolled in this Award on the Fremantle Campus.
2. The Dean is the responsible Executive of these Course Regulations.
3. The contact officer for this document is the Senior Administration Officer, School of Education, Fremantle Campus.

MODIFICATION HISTORY

1. These Course Regulations are effective from 1 January 2017.

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1.1 Introduction
These Course Regulations apply to all students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award at The University of Notre Dame Australia.

These Regulations should be read in conjunction with the University’s General Regulations and the School of Education Regulations.

1.2 Interpretation
The terms included in these Regulations have the meanings as defined in the University’s General Regulations and the School of Education Regulations.

1.3 Amendments made to Course Regulations
Unless otherwise specified, when amendments are made to the structure, content or academic requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award, the amendments will automatically apply in accordance with General Regulation Section 1.7.

1.4 Applicability to Campuses of the University
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is available on the Fremantle Campus only.

1.5 The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is a Level 8 AQF qualification.
2 ENTRY CRITERIA

2.1 General Criteria
The standard entry requirements for admission are detailed in the University’s General Regulations and the School of Education Regulations.

2.2 Additional Entry Requirements / Pre-Requisites
Additional requirements for entry into this Award include:

A student applying for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) must:

- Hold the equivalent of a four year teaching qualification; and
- Have a GPA of at least 2.5 or higher; and
- Have at least three years of professional experience in either an early childhood or primary education setting

Education students who have English as an Additional language and are admitted on the basis of an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assessment, or an equivalent English language proficiency assessment, are only admitted if they have attained an overall IELTS (or equivalent) score of 8.0 (with no score below 7.0 in any of the four skills areas and a score of no less than 8.0 in speaking and listening).

2.3 External Accreditation Requirements
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) meets the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) Accreditation requirements.
3 AWARD REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Structure
There are two course structures within the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

1. For students requiring an initial early childhood qualification, refer to structure ‘A’ that includes 4 coursework units and a practicum unit. (Appendix A)
2. For students who already hold an early childhood qualification, refer to structure ‘B’ that includes 4 coursework units only. (Appendix B)

3.1.1 Compulsory Units
There are four compulsory units within the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

3.1.2 Elective Units
There are no Electives within this Award.

3.1.3 Majors and Double Majors
There are no Majors available in this Award.

3.1.4 Minors
There are no Minors available in this Award.

3.1.5 Specialisations
There are no Specialisations permitted in this Award.

3.1.6 Special Interest Units
There are no Special Interest units in this Award.

3.2 Special Award Requirements
There are no special award requirements in the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood).

3.3 Practicum or Internship requirements
Whilst Practicums or Internships are not compulsory in this Award, students requiring an initial early childhood qualification accredited by ACECQA must undertake the practicum unit.

3.4 Approved unit substitutions
Unit substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Dean.

3.5 Alternative Pathways
Alternative pathways are not applicable to this Award.

3.6 Volume of Learning
3.6.1 Standard Duration
(a) The standard duration for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award with ACECQA accreditation is is 0.625 years of equivalent full-time study. The standard duration for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award without ACECQA accreditation is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

(b) A student is able to enrol in this Award on a part-time basis.

3.6.2 Accelerated Duration
An accelerated mode is not available for the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award.
3.6.3 Maximum Duration
The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is 2.5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the course by the University.

3.7 Graduation
Where a student has satisfied all the requirements of the Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award as detailed in these Course Regulations and the General Regulations, the University may grant the student graduation status.

3.8 Exit Awards
An Exit Award pathway is not available for this Award.

3.9 Honours
The Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood) Award is not offered with Honours.

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APPENDIX A: Indicative Course Structure for ACECQA accreditation

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Total Credit Points Year One 100

Students should select three of the above four units plus one of the School Experience units.

For a current list of unit offerings, please contact the School of Education.