

Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary)

The Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary) prepares you for dual registration to teach in early childhood education and across all primary years as a generalist teacher. You will also gain in-depth knowledge in early years, literacy and mathematics.

Structure

The program consists of four full-time semesters over two years, as well as one summer and two winter intensives (250 points in total). Focusing on early childhood development and education from birth to 12 years, you will be prepared to teach across the curriculum, with a specialisation in early years learning and development, literacy and mathematics.

You will gain expert knowledge in clinical teaching, and learn to personalise your teaching to meet individual students' needs throughout the critical preschool period, transition to school and primary years.

In your first 150 points you will complete a minimum of 60 professional placement days in early childhood settings, followed by 45 days of placement in primary schools in the final 100 points.

1st Semester, 50 points

Up to 16 hours per week on-campus, plus 2 days per week placement in an early childhood setting leading to a 2-week block placement (20 placement days in total across the semester)

Winter intensive, 12.5 points

2nd Semester, 50 points

Up to 16 hours per week on-campus, plus 2 days per week placement in an early childhood setting leading to a 2-week block placement (20 placement days in total across the semester)

Summer intensive, 12.5 points

3rd Semester, 50 points

Up to 16 hours per week on-campus, plus 2 days per week placement in an early childhood setting leading to a 2-week block placement in early childhood and a 1-week primary school placement (25 placement days in total across the semester)

Winter intensive, 12.5 points

4th Semester, 62.5 points

Up to 16 hours per week on-campus and online, plus 2 days per week primary school placement leading to a 6-week block placement (40 placement days in total across the semester)



Career outcomes

The Master of Teaching (Early Childhood and Primary) will enable you to apply for registration as an early childhood teacher (birth to five years), and provisional registration as a primary school teacher (five to 12 years) with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT). This qualifies you to work in children's services and schools in Australia with children aged birth to 12 years.

If you intend to teach outside Victoria, we recommend you check registration requirements with the relevant body.

You may also choose to pursue a career in areas like:

- children's services coordination
- early intervention for children with special needs
- assessment and evaluation
- youth health and wellbeing.

To learn more, visit:

education.unimelb.edu.au/earlychildhoodprimary

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