

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Early Childhood Education)

PGDE(ECE) | A1P018 (One-year Full-time)/
C2P040 (Two-year Part-time)

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(Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date programme information)

Special Features

- Integration of theory and practice
- Eligibility to apply for registration as Qualified Kindergarten Teachers recognised by the Education Bureau, Child Care Workers and Child Care Supervisors recognised by the Social Welfare Department

Applicants

Untrained early childhood teachers or degree holders who wish to embark on career development in early childhood education. Part-time applicants must be serving teachers in early childhood education settings in Hong Kong.

Programme Structure

Students of full-time programme are normally required to attend four to five study days* per week in semester I, and at least three days per week in semester II. Students of part-time programme are normally required to attend two 3-hour classes per week in each semester.

For full-time programme, classes are normally held in daytime/evening on weekdays and/or Saturdays at Tai Po Campus and/or Tseung Kwan O Study Centre/North Point Study Centre/Kowloon Tong Satellite Study Centre as decided by the University.

For part-time programme, classes are normally held in evening on weekdays and/or daytime on Saturdays at Tai Po Campus/Tseung Kwan O Study Centre/North Point Study Centre/Kowloon Tong Satellite Study Centre as decided by the University.

This programme comprises a programme orientation and the following components#:

	Credit Points
General Methods	9
Education Studies	12
Electives	3
Field Experience	6
Total	30

* Subject to change due to the timetabling arrangement of the University

Subject to change due to the programme development

Medium of Instruction

Full-time Programme

The medium of instruction is Chinese and/or English for the full-time programme. Applicant's adequate proficiency in both Chinese and English is required, if appropriate. English is adopted as the language of instruction for relevant courses. Combined classes with students of the part-time programme would be arranged where necessary.

The full-time programme offers a stream of Chinese and English (CEMI) and an English stream (EMI). Applicants have to choose which medium of instruction they prefer upon application.

Part-time Programme

The part-time programme offers a Chinese stream (CMI) and an English stream (EMI). Applicants have to choose which medium of instruction they prefer upon application.

- **Chinese as the medium of instruction (CMI)**

The medium of instruction is mainly Chinese. English may be adopted as the language of instruction for relevant courses, as appropriate.

- **English as the medium of instruction (EMI)**

The medium of instruction is mainly English.

Information Technology Competency In Education (ITCE)

Before graduation, students who are enrolled in education programmes (leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)/ Qualified Kindergarten Teacher (QKT)) are required to complete two parts:

Part One: Complete and pass the IT e-Portfolio Checking (ITC3003)

- Complete the IT e-Portfolio, or
- Complete the Student Teacher Education Program (STEP); or
- Complete the Artificial Intelligence Literacy (AIL) program

Part Two: Complete and pass all the required courses in the programme to demonstrate the attainment of ITCE (ITC3001)

For the details of ITCE and IT e-Portfolio Checking, please visit https://www.eduhk.hk/mit/students_itce/. For the details of Student Teacher Education Program (STEP) and Artificial Intelligence Literacy (AIL), please visit <https://www.lttc.eduhk.hk/>.

Entrance Requirements

Applicants should:

One-year Full-time Programme

- Hold a recognised Bachelor’s degree, or equivalent.

Two-year Part-time Programme

- Hold a recognised Bachelor’s degree, or equivalent; and
- Be serving teachers* in early childhood education settings registered with the Education Bureau in Hong Kong.

* Applicants are required to teach a regular class of at least 10 children aged 3-6 years old with minimum of 3 hours per day during the teaching practice period. Please submit the completed recommendation form with your application.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.

Language Requirements for PGDE Full-time Applicants

English Language Requirements

Applicants should:

- Hold a recognised Bachelor’s/higher degree conferred by a local university/institution or an institution in English speaking system; or
- Fulfill one of the following minimum English proficiency requirements:
 - Overall score of IELTS 6.0 (Academic version) (the test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid within two years);
 - A TOEFL score of 80 (internet-based test) (the test should be taken in test centres and the result should be valid within two years);
 - GCSE / GCE OL English Grade C or above;
 - GCE AS Level or AL Level English Grade E or above;
 - Band 6 in the Chinese Mainland’s College English Test (CET) (a total score of 430 or above and the test result should be valid within two years); or
 - Other equivalent qualifications.

For example, if you are applying for 2024/25 academic year, your IELTS / TOEFL / CET6 test must be obtained on or after 1 January 2022.

Note: Students who are solely holding result of CET6 in order to meet the English language admission requirement should provide verification certificate (成績證明) issued by the National Education Examinations Authority (中國教育考試網) (bjczm.neea.edu.cn/) before programme registration. Please refer to individual offer letter for details.

Chinese Language Requirements (except those choosing EMI class)

Applicants should:

- Hold a recognised Bachelor’s/higher degree conferred by a local university/institution or an institution in Chinese speaking system; or
- Obtain Level 2/Grade E or above in the HKCEE Chinese Language (applicable to holders of a local recognised Associate Degree/Higher Diploma); or
- Obtain Grade E or above in ASL Chinese Language & Culture in the HKALE; or
- Obtain Level 3 or above in Chinese Language in the HKDSE.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee listed below are provisional and subject to adjustment. Extension fees will be charged to students who have to extend their studies beyond the normal duration (i.e. one year for full-time and two years for part-time).

Full-time PGDE Programmes	Part-time PGDE Programmes
Local students: HK\$42,100 per annum	Local students: HK\$21,050 per annum
Non-local students [^] : HK\$145,000 per annum	Non-local students [^] : HK\$72,500 per annum

[^] Starting from the 2019/20 intake cohort, a new definition of Non-local Students (NLS) is adopted in accordance with the HKSAR Government policy. For details, please visit our website: www.eduhk.hk/acadprog/nonlocal/

