### School of Education and the Arts

**CC14 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) – Catholic Education**  
Full Time Study Plan – Term 3 2018 onwards

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Total Units: 32  
192

^ Catholic Education units  
✓ Completed  
CP = Credit Points

For information on the terminology used in the above study plan, please refer to the Glossary on the last page of this document.
MORE DETAILS:

To satisfy the requirements for the award of CC14 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) – Catholic Education, students must complete 32 units (192 credit points).

Recommended Study Schedule

Students should complete units in an order that is as close as possible to the recommended structure set out in this study plan. Students should concentrate on completing all first year units before moving on to second year units, and all second year units before moving on to third year units.

Course Structure Requirements

In the CC14 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) – Catholic Education, students are required to complete the following course structure:

- 32 Core Units

Course Duration Requirements

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Please also note that if you fail units or take a Leave of Absence, your course duration and completion timeframe may be extended.

Interim Awards

Interim Awards do not exist for this course

Exit Award

CC21 Bachelor of Teaching
CC23 Associate Degree of Education

Professional Accreditation

Graduates are eligible to apply for provisional registration as a teacher upon completion of the course.

This program is also an approved early childhood teacher qualification of the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

Deferment/Leave of Absence

Domestic students in the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) – Catholic Education degree are permitted to defer the initial offer of their degree for a maximum of 12 months before their offer is withdrawn. Furthermore, domestic students may also take an approved Leave of Absence (LOA) once they have commenced their course of study however only a maximum of 12 months can be granted without requesting further approval from the Head of Course.

You can apply for a deferment or LOA here.

International students are not permitted to defer their initial offer or take a Leave of Absence unless otherwise discussed with their Home Campus.

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Credit Transfer

If you have undertaken study in the last ten years, or have relevant in-formal or non-formal learning, you may be eligible for credit towards your course. Please note that some courses have reduced timeframes within which prior study remains eligible for credit. Please refer to the CQU Handbook for specific credit time limits relating to your course.

To submit an application for credit, please refer to the Credit Calculator or contact the Academic Pathways Team via their email credit@cqu.edu.au. Further information about the credit process can also be found on the Credit for Prior Learning webpage.

Credit applications should be submitted at least four (4) weeks before the relevant term commences. Applications must be complete with all supporting documentation to be assessed by CQUUniversity. CQUUniversity cannot obtain documents from other institutions, organisations or individuals.

Personal Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Educators (ITE)

Students undertaking an Initial Teacher Education (ITE) course are expected to undertake and meet the benchmark in the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE). These tests are part of the ITE requirements and it is expected that students enrolled in an ITE course will be undertaking the tests and successfully meet the benchmarks prior to graduation.

For further information about Literacy and Numeracy test please refer to - https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/

Catholic Education Strand

Completion of the Catholic Education Strand allows students to gain accreditation to teach in a Catholic school and the potential to gain permanent employment with Catholic Education. The Catholic Education Strand teaches the curriculum for Rockhampton Diocese of Catholic Education and entry to the strand is via an application process, which is to occur in the 2nd year of the course. Applications are welcomed from students within this Diocese which stretches from Mackay to Bundaberg and west to Longreach. Distance students may also apply. Students who are studying outside the immediate geographical area of the Rockhampton Diocese can also apply but to be accepted you must be able to complete Professional Practice 3 and your final placements of Professional Practice 4 and Professional Practice 5 in a school within the Diocesan region.

Further information about the Catholic Education Strand, such as the application process and upcoming information sessions can be accessed from the Education Gateway Moodle site.

Work Placement/Practicums

Students will be required to complete a series of placement/practicum units in order to meet the accreditation requirements of the CC14 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). The details have been outlined below:

**EDFE11038 Professional Practice 1**

20 day supervised placement in an educational setting comprising 5 non-assessable contextual days and 5 assessable days completed on a one day per week basis throughout Term 2 of the first year and a 10 day continuous assessable block. Set tasks for this professional practice are outlined in an Information and Guideline Booklet supplied to mentor teachers in schools and/or other educational settings. Students compile a working portfolio as a collection of evidence for demonstrating these tasks which are linked explicitly to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Graduate level). They complete a self-evaluation against the assessment indicators midway through the 10 day block and receive an interim report from the mentor teacher at this stage. Final assessment is completed by a mentor teacher in the placement workplace in conjunction with a university staff member. Students are assessed on a Pass/ Fail basis at the completion of the 10 day block using the same indicators as the Interim Report. Students must pass the practical placement to pass the unit. Follow-up assessment requires students to make additions to an e-portfolio linking specific evidence from the placement to the professional standards.
EDFE11039 Professional Practice 2 (ECE/Kindergarten)

25 day supervised placement in a kindergarten setting comprising 5 non-assessable days and 5 assessable days completed on a one day per week basis throughout Term 3 of the second year and a 15 day continuous assessable block. Set tasks for this professional practice are outlined in an Information and Guideline Booklet supplied to mentor teachers who supervise and assess students’ performance during the placement. Students maintain an up-to-date working portfolio as a collection of evidence for demonstrating these tasks which are linked explicitly to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Graduate level). They complete a self-evaluation against the assessment indicators midway through the 15 day block and receive an interim report from the mentor teacher at this stage. Final assessment is completed by a mentor teacher in the placement workplace in conjunction with a university staff member. Students are assessed on a Pass/ Fail basis at the completion of the 15 day block using the same indicators as the Interim Report. Students must pass the practical placement to pass the unit. Follow-up assessment requires students to make additions to an e-portfolio linking specific evidence from the placement to the professional standards.

EDFE12044 Professional Practice 3 (The Catholic School Placement)

Students will prepare for and complete an assessable professional experience placement in a Catholic school as a required component of their acceptance into the Catholic Education strand of the course. Students will participate in tutorials, practical workshops and school placement which comprises a two-week contextual block from the commencement of the school year, 10 single day visits and a 15-day continuous block. Learning outcomes in this unit is designed around two integrated modules. In the first module, students will enhance their ability to design, adapt, implement and assess teaching sequences that cater for the diverse needs of learners in mainstream classrooms. Students will develop knowledge of the purposes of using assessment for learning and practices for interpreting student data that inform differentiation practices. In addition, students will learn and apply teaching practices for setting learning goals, modiﬁying lessons plans and learning sequences, adapting pedagogical approaches and using feedback techniques that are responsive to students’ learning needs. In the second module of this unit, students will build their knowledge and understanding of the particular strategies, rituals, traditions and resources that characterise the Christian belief practices of Catholic school communities. Students will use this knowledge to reﬂect on the responsibilities of teachers within the Catholic schooling system and the nature of partnerships with parents/carers and the school community in supporting engagement and participation in the important personal and communal faith rituals of the Catholic tradition.

EDFE14021 Professional Practice 4

30 day supervised placement in a school setting comprising 5 non-assessable contextual days completed on a one day per week basis in preparation for the continuous teaching block; and a 25 day continuous assessable block at the end of the term. Set tasks for this professional practice are outlined in an Information and Guideline Booklet supplied to mentor teachers in schools who supervise and assess students’ performance during the placement. Students maintain an up-to-date working portfolio as a collection of evidence for demonstrating these tasks which are linked explicitly to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Graduate level). They complete a self-evaluation against the assessment indicators midway through the 25 day block. In response to these reports students construct a detailed plan for professional development and learning throughout the remainder of the placement and submit it to the mentor teacher for feedback and consideration against the Interim report prepared by the mentor teacher. Subsequent negotiation of the student's professional learning activities follows this evaluation. Final assessment is completed by a mentor teacher in the placement workplace in conjunction with a university staff member using the Queensland Professional Experience Reporting Framework. Students are assessed on a Pass/ Fail basis at the completion of the 25 day block using the same indicators as the Interim Report. Students must pass the practical placement to pass the unit. As part of the unit, students complete a Graduate Teacher Performance Assessment task which provides written evidence of achievement of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (at Graduate Career stage).
EDFE13034 Internship (Engagement with Catholic School Communities)

Interns in Catholic school settings participate in all aspects of teaching, learning and engagement with the school community during a sustained period of professional practice. Students will take an active role in all aspects of the professional work of teachers while enhancing their religious literacy and understanding of both the knowledge components of the Catholic religion and its living components (or “practice”) within broader Catholic communities. In their role as an intern, students will collect evidence of their understanding of, and engagement with, the people, places, resources and language of Religious Education in contemporary Catholic school settings. Students will develop a personal professional philosophy that expresses an understanding of their role in Catholic schools as places of learning and their responsibilities for engagement with faith communities that value and practice social justice principles as a way of expressing and living out Christian beliefs. The internship is designed as a guided partnership between students (the intern) and a mentor teacher. This placement supports students’ transition from pre-service teacher to an autonomous, collaborative, reflective educator who can consistently demonstrate the knowledge, skills and dispositions described in the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Graduate Career Stage) and a secure understanding of the roles and responsibilities of teachers in the Catholic Education system.

Additionally, if you would like to be eligible for the embedded Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care you are required to complete a 20 day placement in a childcare service.

As part of QCT accreditation, students must have passed ALL coursework, except EDED14354 The Ethical Professional, before undertaking EDFE14021 Professional Practice 4 – Learning and Teaching in Action and EDFE14020 Professional Practice 5 – The Internship.

Placements should be completed as per the structure identified in the Professional Practice Calendar which can be accessed from the Education Gateway Moodle site at the beginning of each academic year. In situations where variations to the calendar are unavoidable, the pre-service teacher should obtain approval by email from the Associate Director of Professional Practice (or their delegate).

Pre-service teachers must be aware that they cannot receive remuneration in any form for duties carried out as part of Professional Practice placements.

Working with Children Check

Pre-service teachers must be enrolled in a CQUniversity Professional Practice unit and be in possession of a current Positive Notice Blue Card (or equivalent “Working with Children” check issued in other Australian states or territories) to be eligible for placement in a school/early learning centre/educational site. Please contact your Placement Officer to obtain further information.

Embedded Diploma Eligibility

A key feature of the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood & Primary) is the embedded VET qualification: The Diploma of Children’s Services (Early Childhood Education and Care).

To be eligible for the embedded Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, students must successfully complete the following:

Term 1

- EDED11454 Education as a Profession
- EDCU11032 Health and Physical Education
- EDCU11033 Multiliteracies
- EDCU11031 Development and Learning through Life
Term 2
- EDED11456 Communication in Educational Environments
- EDED11457 Responding to Diversity and Inclusion
- EDED11455 Curriculum Foundations and Decision-Making
- EDFE11038 Professional Practice 1 - Introduction to Teaching

Term 3
- EDED11458 Indigenous Studies and Learning
- EDFE40001 Early Childhood Education and Care Practice (20 day Diploma Practicum) (Single Non-Award enrolment)

The 20 day diploma practicum fulfils the requirements for duration of on-the-job performance for the diploma qualification. The placement also fulfils the requirements for Early Childhood Education programs approved and registered under the Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). These requirements stipulate that students must complete a minimum of 10 days with children in the birth to 2 years group as part of their preservice training.

The Diploma placement is optional for all Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood CC14) and Bachelor of Education (Primary CC12) students, however, Early Childhood students must still complete the minimum of 10 days with children in the birth to 2 years group to meet Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) requirements. While students don't need to undertake the diploma placement during term 3, we encourage students to complete the placement within a few months of completing the preplacement requirements as Training Packages and VET qualifications are under constant review. In addition, students must complete compulsory First Aid training prior to commencing the workplace placement and this training only remains current for a period of one year.

Competencies for this VET qualification are embedded within the 9 first year units of the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary) degree. Students who receive credit/exemptions towards the 9 first year units may not be eligible to receive the embedded Diploma as the competency requirements will not have been met. Students must complete the units with the embedded competencies to be eligible for the Diploma.

If you have any questions in regard to your course, please contact the Course Advice Team:

PLEASE CHECK THE CQU HANDBOOK FOR TERM AVAILABILITIES AND PRE-REQUISITES AS THEY MAY CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR http://handbook.cqu.edu.au

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GLOSSARY

- **Course**: A course is the combination of units that contribute towards either a CQUniversity award qualification or non-award study.

- **Course Code**: A course code identifies the specific course a student may be studying at CQUniversity.

- **Unit**: A unit is the individual subject students must complete in order to graduate from their course.

- **Unit Code**: A unit code identifies a specific unit that a student is enrolled in under their course.

- **Pre-Requisite (Pre-Req) Unit**: A pre-req unit is a unit which students must pass before being allowed to enrol in the subsequent unit.

- **Co-Requisite (Co-Req) Unit**: A co-req unit is a unit that must be studied at the same time as another unit.

- **Anti-Requisite (Anti-Req) Unit**: An anti-req unit is an old unit that has been replaced by a new unit and students are not permitted to study the old unit.

- **Credit Points (CP)**: Credit Points are the numerical value of a unit which contributes to the total Credit Points for a course.

- **Core Unit**: A core unit is a compulsory unit that a student must study to meet the requirements of their course.

- **Elective Unit**: An elective unit is a unit within a course that is not compulsory and students may have a choice in what unit they study, provided it meets the elective requirements of their course.

- **Major**: A major is a specific area within a course where a student specialises in and is normally made up of 8 units for undergraduate courses, and 4 units for postgraduate courses. Not all courses have majors.

- **Double Major**: A double major is where students specialise in 2 areas of study and is normally made up of 16 units. Double majors are normally only available in undergraduate courses.

- **Minor**: Like a major, a minor is a specific area within a course where a student specialises and is normally made up of 4 units.

- **Term**: A specified period of time for higher education units in which teaching, learning and assessment occurs. CQUniversity offers 3 Academic Terms per year: Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3.