Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (GDCH) - GDCH

Please be advised that this program will be transitioning fr

Program objectives

The program objectives align with the requirements of ACECQA. On successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to demonstrate that they:

- know and understand the characteristics of babies and young children and how they develop and learn
- know and understand the regulations and learning frameworks that govern diverse early childhood settings
- can collaborate with others to plan for the effectiv

All students are required to satisfy the applicable English language requirements.

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved English language program. On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place
A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a student contribution amount, which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Schedules.

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called HECS-HELP.
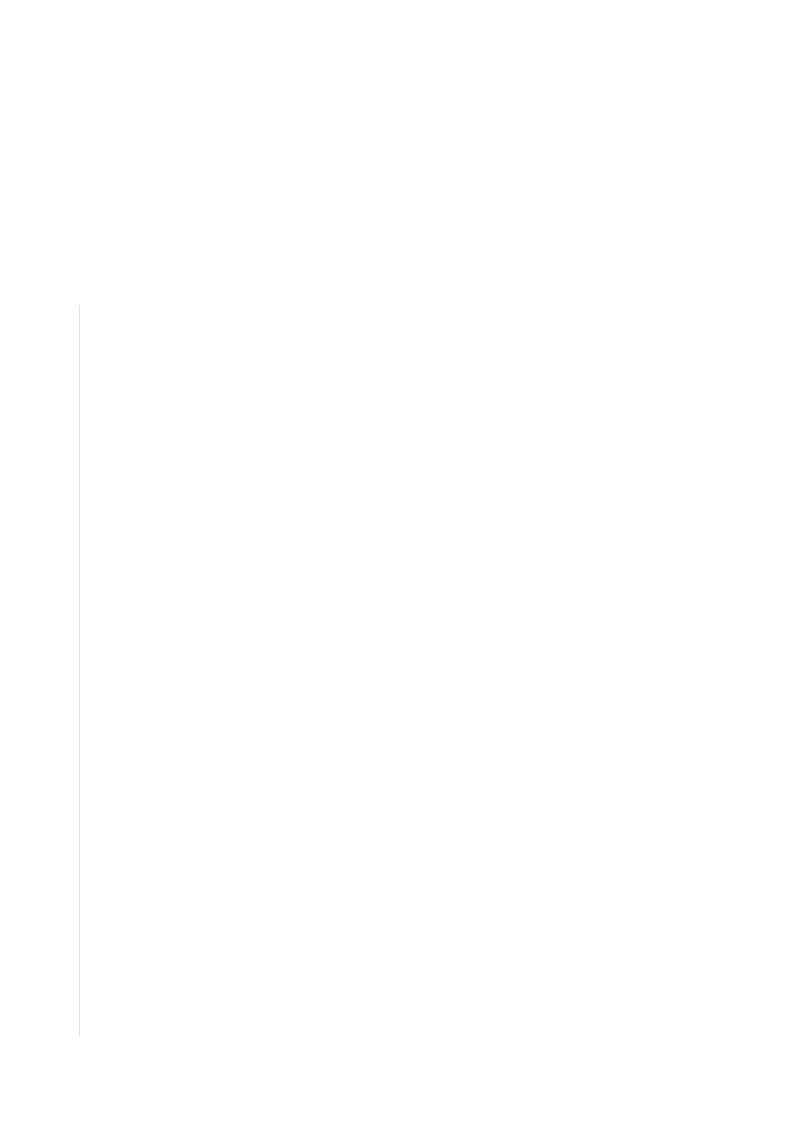
Domestic full fee paying place
Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the Course Fee Schedule

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called FEE-HELP provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for FEE-Help.

Program structure

This online and external program is comprised of eight courses which can be completed in one year with enrolment in three consecutive semesters (refer to the Recommended Enrolment Patterns for either Semester 1, Semester 2 or Semester 3 entry). The program structure consists of five courses that are specific for early childhood education and three courses which have embedded and assessed professional experience to cover the age range in prior-to-school settings. The required 60 days of professional experience includes 10 days with children under three years of age (birth-35 months) and at least 20 days with children aged three until before the

have registered the details with the UniSQ Education Placement Office. Students should keep their Blue Card on them at all times while attending a Professional Experience placement.

In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester

For instructions on applying for credit, please visit our website.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 1 entry

For a student to be eligible to graduate in 1 year, they must successfully complete these set courses in this strict pattern:

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 2 entry

For a student to be eligible to graduate in 1 year, they must successfully complete these set courses in this

Recommended enrolment pattern - Semester 3 entry

For a student to be eligible to graduate in 1 year, they must successfully complete these set courses in this strict pattern: