



Faculty of **Education**
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BEd (Early Childhood Education and Special Education) Programme

Introduction



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Programme Overview



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- Prepares students for dual certification as both early childhood teachers and teachers of children with special educational needs in early childhood (**birth–6 years**)
- Includes (i) engaging **academic courses**; (ii) supervised **practicum placements** in multiple early childhood settings; and (iii) independent **research experiences** to help students facilitate the development and learning of children from birth to six years
- Supports students to gain the **necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes** to work in both integrated early childhood settings and special child care centres

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Graduates of the Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education and Special Education [BEd(ECE&SE)] programme will be eligible:

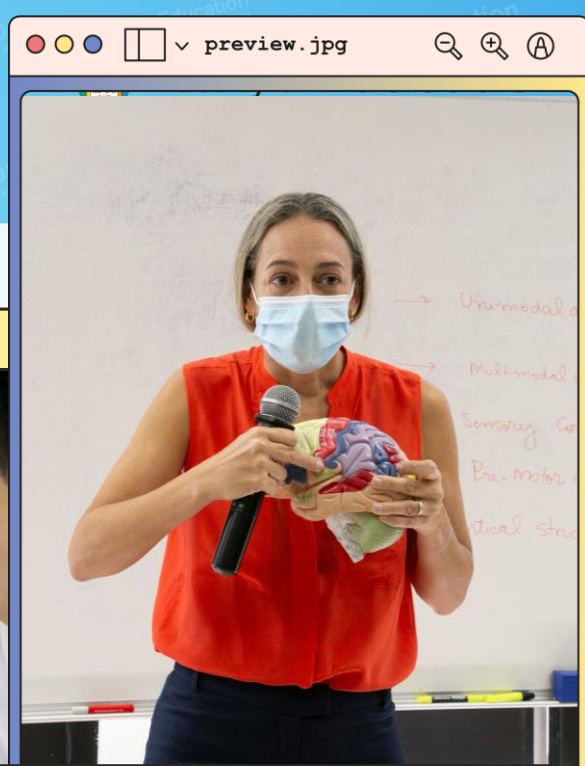
- to register as **Qualified Kindergarten Teachers**;
- be eligible for registration as **Child Care Worker and Child Care Supervisor** under the Child Care Services Regulations;
- to be considered as having **acquired training on the one-year In-service Course in Special Child Care Work** recognized by the Social Welfare Department;
- meet the academic qualifications required as **Kindergarten Principals**.



1. Courses on understanding children

1. **BECE1001** Early childhood **development (age 0-6)**
2. **BECE2002** Physical and social emotional development of **infants and toddlers (age 0-3)**
3. **BECE2003** Cognitive and language development of **infants and toddlers (age 0-3)**
4. **BECE3003** Cognitive and language development of **young children (age 3-6)**
5. **BECE3002** Physical and social emotional development, guidance and counselling of **young children (age 3-6)**
6. **BECE4002** Developmental **neuroscience (age 0-6)**

Developmental Neuroscience



Identify major brain structures and areas that are linked to children's development

2. Courses on understanding learning and teaching, and school management



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1. **BECE1002** Educational psychology for early childhood educators
2. **BECE2001** **Play and learning** in the early years
3. **BECE2004** Early **care and education** of infants and toddlers (*age 0-3*)
4. **BECE2005** **Observation and assessment** of children and early childhood programmes
5. **BECE3001** **Investigation and discovery** in early childhood education
6. **BECE5001** **Planning, management and evaluation** of early childhood programs

3. Courses on children with SEN needs



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1. **BECE1003** Young Children with Exceptional Needs (6 credits)
2. **BECE1004** Concepts and Contexts of Early Childhood Education (6 credits)
3. **BECE1005** Risk and Resilience in Early Development (6 credits)
4. **BECE3004** Supporting Children with Communication Needs (6 credits)
5. **BECE3005** Supporting Children with Cognitive, Sensory and Physical Needs (6 credits)
6. **BECE3006** Supporting Children with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Development Needs (6 credits)
7. **BECE3007** Integrated Curriculum and Inclusive Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education I (6 credits)
8. **BECE3008** Assessment and Intervention in Early Childhood Settings (6 credits)
9. **BECE4001** Integrated Curriculum and Inclusive Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education II (6 credits)

Supporting children with communication needs

Using puppets to encourage communication



Supporting children with cognitive sensory and physical needs



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Supporting children with behavioural emotional and social development needs

4. Specialized Electives (Compulsory)



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BECE6001 Supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

BECE6007 Creative and Expressive Arts and Movement

BECE6002 Supporting non-native Chinese speaking children

BECE6003 Bilingualism in Young Children

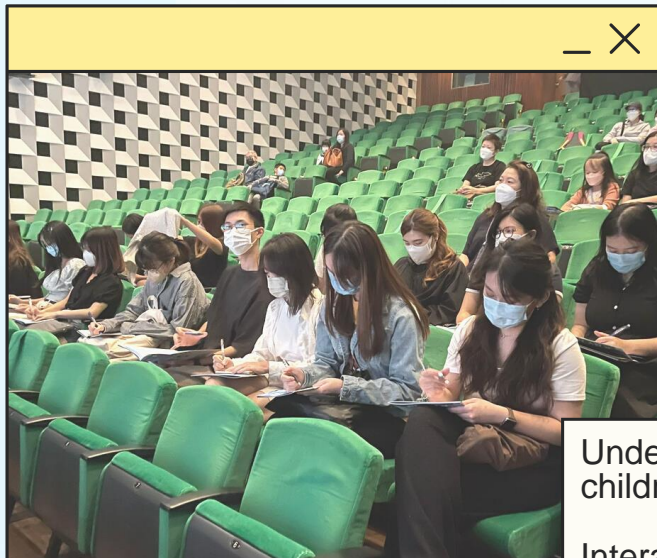
BECE6004 Children and the law (Faculty of Law)

BECE6005 Child health (Faculty of Medicine)

BECE6006 Young child and technology

Notes: Not all courses will be offered every year.

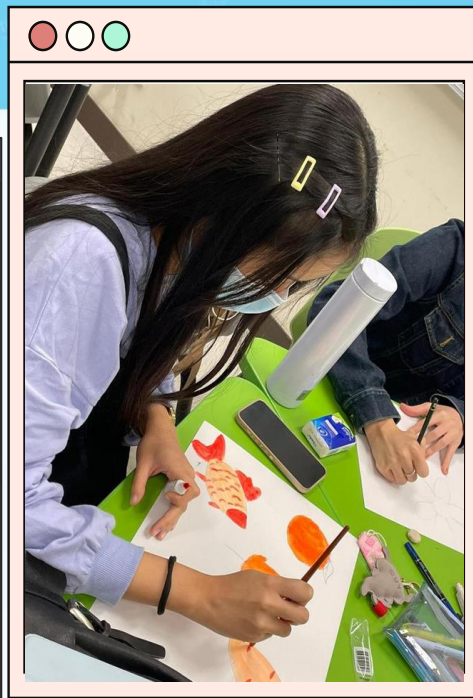
Creative and Expressive Arts and Movement



Understand the production of a
children's musical

Interact with the Musical's Director
and Producer after the event





Visual arts creation and
puppet making

5. Independent Research Project



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Project (18 credits)

- In Year 5, students are required to complete an Independent Research Project. The research topic is based on individual student's interests.
- A supervisor is assigned to each student to advise them on their Project.



6. Optional Overseas teaching internships

Tanzania



Optional Overseas teaching internships



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Cambridge



7. Other learning experiences

Using assistive technology and Social Robots



Other learning experiences



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Designing and producing Teaching Aids



Happy Fishing



What is in the soup today?

Other learning experiences



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Original songs released on
YouTube:

This is Our Planet to Share

Who Am I?



**Writing, singing and
producing children's
songs**





Visited the Hong Kong Sea School

Other learning experiences



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**Visited an IB (PYP)
Kindergarten in
Shenzhen**



Other learning experiences



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香港大學學前教育系學術交流活動



東莞暨大港澳子弟學校 敬贈

2023 年 10 月 16 日

**Visited Affiliated School of JNU
(ASJ) in Dongguan**





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