

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**.

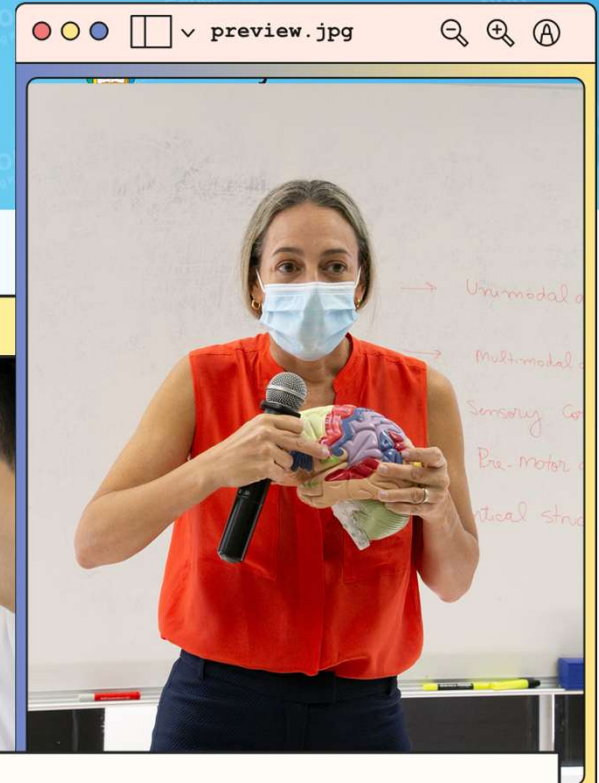
1. Courses on understanding children



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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)

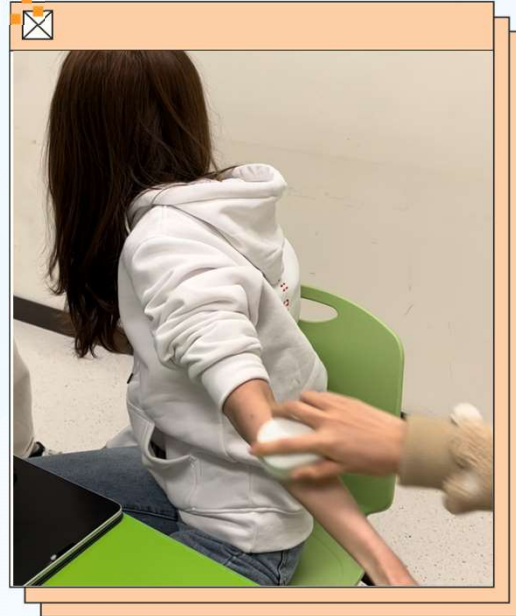
Supporting children with communication needs

Using puppets to encourage communication





Supporting children with
cognitive sensory and
physical needs



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

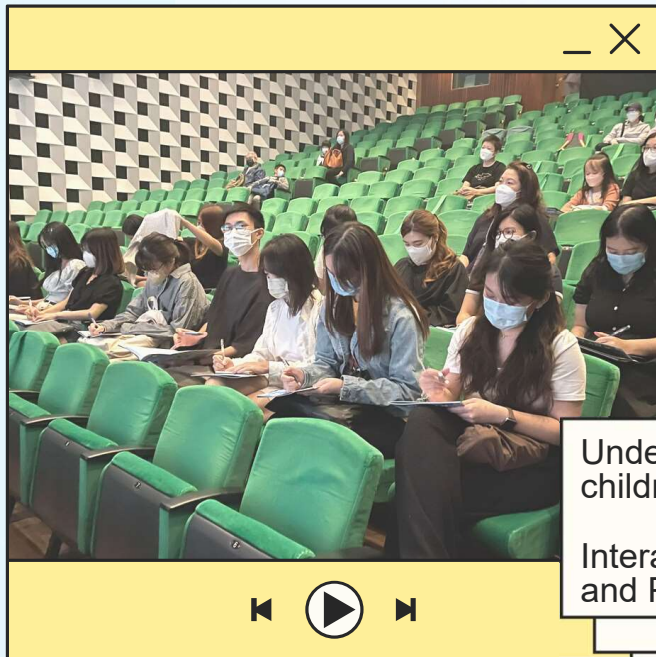
BECE6004 Children and the law (Faculty of Law)

BECE6005 Child health (Faculty of Medicine)

BECE6006 Young child and technology

Notes: Not all courses will be offered every year.

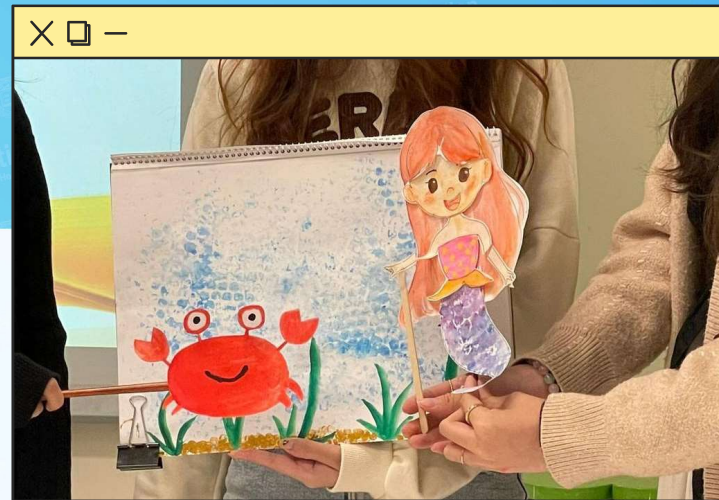
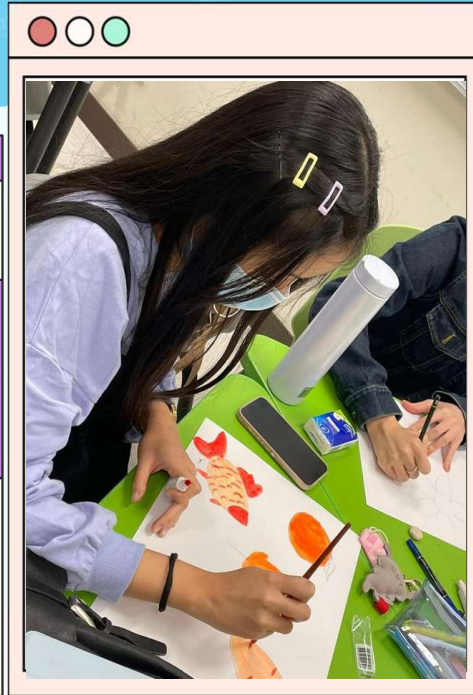
Creative and Expressive Arts and Movement



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



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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?

Source: <https://www.hkta.co/products/%E3%80%90%E9%AD%9A%E6%A8%82%E7%84%A1%E7%AA%AE-happy-fishing%E3%80%91>

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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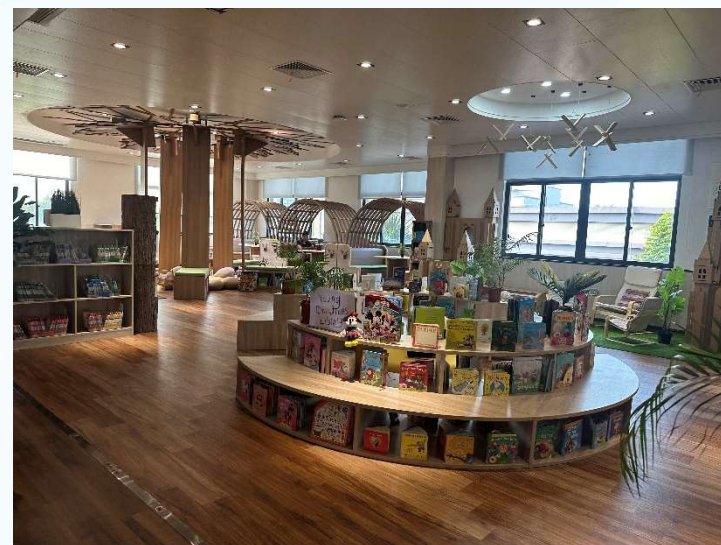
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