TEACH EARLY CHILDHOOD

Guide children in their early learning years

Early childhood teachers help young children to develop foundation skills for lifelong learning.

If you are a graduate of an approved early childhood teacher education program, you will be eligible for employment in preschools and in primary schools where you can teach children from Kindergarten to Year 2.

If you are a graduate of one of the approved early childhood teacher education programs that cover all the primary key learning areas and provide in-school experience with students up to Year 6, you will be eligible for employment in NSW public preschools and primary schools from K-6.

As a preschool teacher you will be working with children in the year prior to their enrolment in Kindergarten, helping them to develop literacy, numeracy, physical, social, cognitive and self-help skills. You will encourage their participation in an education program of activities that caters for each child’s individual stage of development, interests and skills and broadens their knowledge and understanding of the community around them.

In the primary school you will help young children aged 5-8 in the following primary key learning areas:

- English
- mathematics
- science and technology
- human society and its environment
- creative and practical arts
- personal development, health and physical education.

Getting there

To qualify as an early childhood teacher you must attain a Higher School Certificate (including a minimum band 4 in both mathematics and English*) and complete an early childhood teacher education program through a recognised higher education institution.

This early childhood program must prepare you for teaching students up to eight years of age and include curriculum studies across the primary key learning areas.

* Students who have not completed the equivalent of two units of English and mathematics at HSC level will need to have certification from their higher education institution that they have achieved an equivalent standard as part of their tertiary study.

Degree options

- an undergraduate degree, and a graduate entry teacher education program such as a Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education); or,
- an integrated undergraduate program such as a four-year Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

Further information about the requirements to become a teacher in NSW, including approved initial teacher education programs, can be found on the NSW Institute of Teachers website at www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au.

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