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Recognition of Early Childhood Education

In recent years, there has been an increasing recognition of the importance of early childhood education (ECE) by parents, educationists, entrepreneurs and the government. For children to experience quality ECE, they need knowledgeable and competent early childhood educators, who, in turn, need quality training programmes.

Core Knowledge Areas

To produce quality early childhood educators, there are generally five integral core knowledge areas in ECE:



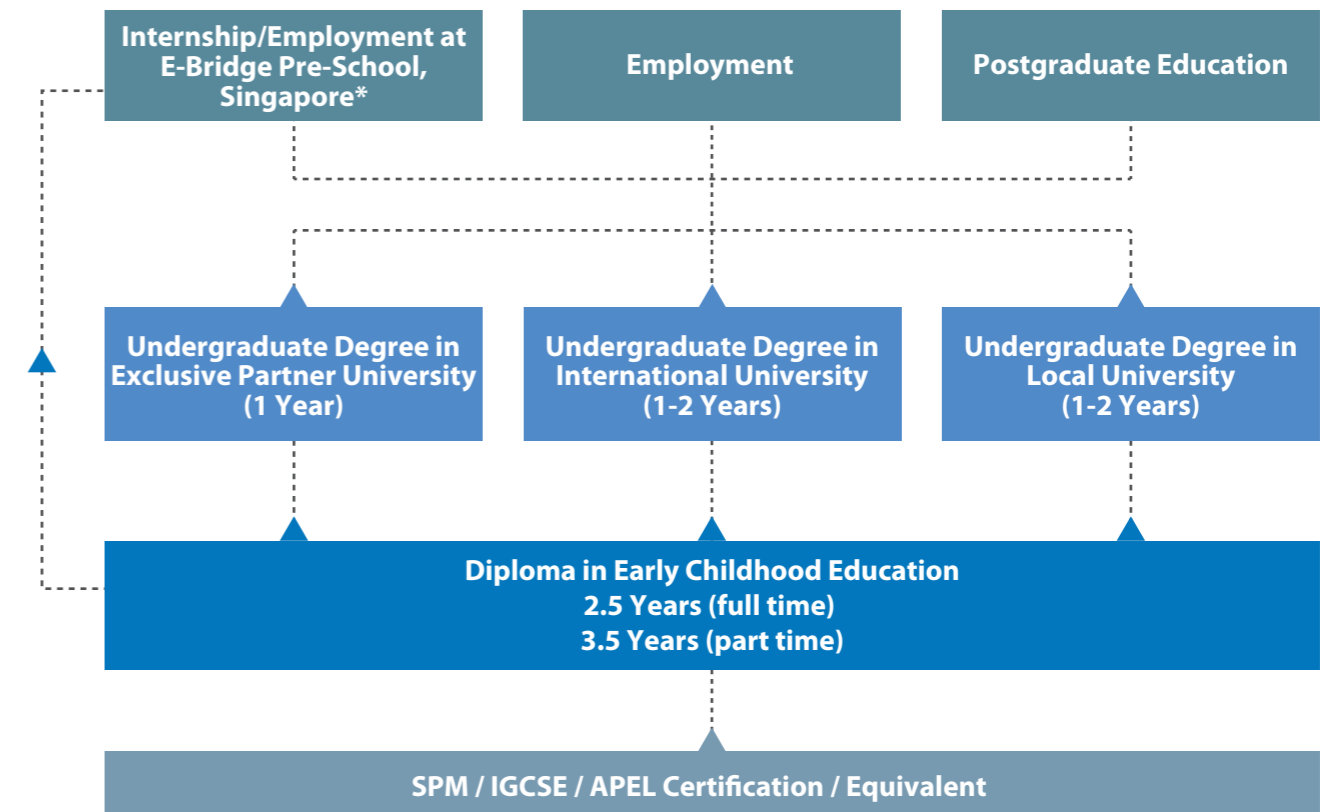
REWARDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO EXPLORE:

- Early Childhood Teacher
- Kindergarten and Childcare Centre Proprietor, Principal or Administrator
- ECE Lecturer
- ECE Curriculum Developer
- ECE Entrepreneur
- Teacher Trainer

RELATED CAREERS:

- Special Education Teacher
- Child Psychologist
- Child Therapist

EDUCATION PATHWAY



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

SIJIL PELAJARAN MALAYSIA (SPM)

Min. 3 credits in any subjects

O LEVEL / IGCSE

Min. 3 credits in any subjects

SIJIL TINGGI PERSEKOLAHAN MALAYSIA (STPM)

Min. Grade C in any subjects

APEL (A) CERTIFICATE

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Other equivalent qualifications recognised by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) or Malaysian Government will be considered on a case-by-case basis

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

CEFR	LOW B1
IELTS	4.0
TOEFL IBT	30-31
OR EQUIVALENT	

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

KL: (R3/0112/4/0061) (12/29) (A5668)
PG: (N/0112/4/0118) (05/27) (MQA/FA14313)

Governments and parents worldwide are investing heavily in Early Childhood Education (ECE), so it has recently become a fast growing business opportunity both at home and overseas. The Malaysian government recognises that the early years of life are critical in the development of children and is therefore committed to providing quality education for its youngest citizens.

This programme will fully equip students with the theoretical knowledge, teaching pedagogies, practical skills and holistic understanding of young children's development, learning needs and growth. The programme covers various ECE specialities such as: child development, creativity through music, movement, art and drama, teaching mathematics and sciences to young children, language and literacy, health, safety and nutrition, infant and toddler care and teaching social studies to young children.

Upon completion of this programme, MCKL graduates will be offered other pathways to earn a globally recognised degree either in Ireland or U.K. with just an additional one year of study abroad to support their career goals. Graduates may also seek employment in the ECE field as a qualified practitioner.

Extensive Programme

The comprehensive selection of subjects prepares students well to work professionally in a variety of professions in the early childhood sector, as well as succeed in their degree studies.

Strong Network to Provide Industrial Experience

Built strong ties with a wide range of childcare centres and kindergartens to place students during their practicum and explore employment opportunities upon graduation.

Substantial Practicum Exposure

Students will complete two practicums. They allow students to put classroom learning into practice and gain hands-on experience working alongside and learning from professional teachers in the industry.

Holistic Learning Environment

Comprehensive academic content combined with a holistic approach from community and service learning activities provide continuous exposure and enhance soft skills.

Qualified & Experienced Academic Team

Learn from a combination of both passionate and nurturing lecturers, who are well qualified and experienced in the ECE industry.

Proven Track Record

Proven track record of students graduating with honours and first class honours after furthering their studies at renowned universities.

Affordable Fees

Students will obtain a quality education at an affordable cost and have access to scholarships.

Established Global Partnerships

An express pathway for students to pursue their final year degree programme at various renowned universities.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

CORE SUBJECTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Development• Behavioural Guidance of Children• Foundations of Early Childhood Education• Creative Expressions Through Music and Movement• Language and Early Literacy• Creative Expressions Through Art and Drama• Physical Education for Young Children• Programme Planning and Implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observation and Assessment of Young Children• Infant and Toddler Care• Teaching Social Studies to Young Children• Play in Early Childhood Education• Partnership with Families and the Community• Teaching Mathematics to Young Children• Introduction to Early Childhood Educational Research ^{NEW}• Children with Special Needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundations of Professional Practice• Early Childhood Education Standards and Approaches• Child's Health, Safety and Nutrition• Technology in Early Childhood Education• Entrepreneurship and Early Childhood Administration• English Enhancement• Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education ^{NEW} |
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PRACTICAL

Practicum I:
Block Practice in
Childcare Centre (TASKA)

Practicum II:
Block Practice in Preschool/
Kindergarten (TADIKA)

*MATA PELAJARAN PENGAJIAN UMUM (MPU) SUBJECTS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Falsafah dan Isu Semasa• Integrity and Anti-Corruption• Character Formation• Service Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bahasa Kebangsaan A
For local students who do not have credit in SPM BM• BM Komunikasi 1
For international students |
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NOTE:

* MPU Subjects: The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) requires all students to take Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU) (i.e. General Studies) within the duration of their studies. MCKL established a series of subjects that different programmes need to implement for all students to meet the Ministry's requirements. Subjects will differ depending on the institution and the level of studies of the student.

INTAKE

January, April & August

2.5 (full time)

3.5 (part time)

Years Programme



Tan Li Tong
• MunsterTechnological University



Emily Ng Li Shyuan
• Masters, University of Northampton



Low May Jiun
• University of Northampton




Esther Ding Pei Yuen
• Kindergarten Principal




Arianne Caitlin Teh
• Masters, University of Northampton




Judy Liew Yu Jing
• Business Owner of Learning Programme



Laakshaana Pandurangan
University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
• I still remember how MCKL's Early Childhood Education Programme stood out among all other institutions that offered the same course. I found it to be very structured and holistic for students interested in Early Childhood Education, like me. My first visit to the MCKL campus has a lasting impact, I could tell the conducive environment would exceptionally help my academic and personal growth.



Sean Ling Jixiang
Bachelor of Early Childhood Care and Education, Munster Technological University, Ireland
• My experience in MCKL has been a pleasant one, to say the least. The lecturers were extremely helpful and always ready to assist me at any given time. In my course, we were required to participate in two internships, allowing me to apply theory to practice and grow professionally. I think that studying at MCKL helped me develop skills in problem-solving and communication, which I managed to refine during my internships.



Pang Yi Lin
Teacher at E-Bridge Pre-School Singapore
• My experience working as a teacher at E- Bridge Pre-School, Singapore was a good experience. It has met my expectation, it provides structured career development opportunities, allowing educators to progress to senior or lead teacher roles.

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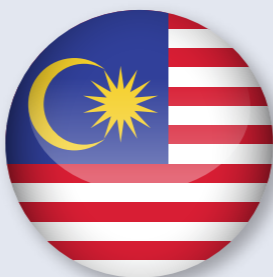
1 year

- Munster Technological University
- University of Northampton
- University of Gloucestershire

2 years

- New Zealand Tertiary College
- Deakin University

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