

Early Childhood Education

幼兒教育高級文憑

This programme aims to equip students with professional knowledge and skills in early childhood education and care, cultivating those who aspire to engage in teaching and management in early childhood educational settings, family education and other related professional roles. Students will learn about child development, early childhood education pedagogy, and educational psychology to caring for and educating young children aged 0 to 8. The programme provides high-quality, practical, and interdisciplinary learning opportunities; for example, play-based experiential learning at the Early Childhood Play and Learning Laboratory. There is collaboration with the allied health experts to support child development and their diverse needs, and special emphasis on the knowledge and skills of providing quality educare for children aged 0-3.



Medium of Instruction	English
Total No. of Credits	72 credits
Years of Study	2 years



QF Level 4

QR registration no. 16/000585/L4

Validity period 01/09/2016 to 31/08/2025



Programme Objectives

- To apply knowledge about the theories and processes of child development;
- To describe the interconnectedness between socio-demographic, economic, political and cultural changes and the development of childcare sectors with particular reference to Hong Kong;
- To apply the knowledge and skills in planning, implementing and evaluating contemporary early childhood curriculum and programmes appropriate to the early childhood education settings;
- To integrate the understanding of children with developmental challenges in early childhood education;
- To utilise critical, analytical and problem-solving skills;
- To apply effective interpersonal skills in communication with child care professionals, children and parents in early childhood settings;
- To demonstrate the educational and professional responsibilities in early childhood settings; and
- To recognise the capacity for continuous independent learning and reflective practice.

Professional Recognition

Upon completion of the programme, graduates are meeting the requirements for:

- Registered Kindergarten Teachers “幼稚園教師” as recognised by the Education Bureau.
- Registered Child Care Supervisors “幼兒中心主管” as recognised by the SWD.
- Registered Child Care Workers “幼兒工作員” as recognised by the SWD.

Career Prospects and Further Studies

- Graduates are capable of serving in various early childhood settings in Hong Kong such as crèche, child care centre, nursery school, nursery cum kindergarten, kindergarten, international school and special child care centre as well as playgroup.
- Graduates are eligible to apply for the articulation to senior year entry of the Bachelor of Education (Honours) programme upon completion of studies.

Graduate Sharing

Nicky Huo

Graduate of Higher Diploma in Early Childhood Education (2023)

Now a teacher at a local kindergarten

In the blink of an eye, two years of Tung Wah College ECE life has passed. I learnt a lot in ECE subject from the child development to the principles and strategies for children with diverse educational needs. The study of kindergarten education policies in Hong Kong and global cultural influence have enabled me to deal with problems more objectively and critically. I am pleased to apply the ECE knowledge and theories during my practicums and the teaching life. Contemporary pedagogies, such as Theme teaching, Project Approach, High Scope and Montessori were also learnt which build up my confidence in lessons planning, learning corner setting, lesson having, discipline management, reflection, communication with parents and support for the special educational students. These two years were the most wonderful study journey in my life. I would like to thank so much my patient and professional teachers who motivated us to study global ECE knowledge, as well as inviting a lot of experienced specialists, arrange meaningful visits and organising ECE relate seminars for us.



Tuition Fee

Year	Tuition Fee (HK\$)
Year 1	70,580
Year 2	70,580
Programme Total	141,160

- The College will adjust the tuition fee of its programmes based on the Composite Consumer Price Index to be announced by the Government annually.
- Tuition fees are normally charged by two instalments per annum and are payable before the commencement of each semester. New students are required to settle the balance of the tuition fee for the first semester (i.e. after deducting deposit) upon programme registration in August.
- Students are required to pay additional fees for all retake/additional courses which would be charged at the rate of the normal cohort and be calculated by the number of credits to be taken. Please refer the details in the College's Fees Regulation at https://www.twc.edu.hk/en/Administration_Units/fo/our_service/student-area.
- All fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Admission Requirements

For Year 1 entry to Higher Diploma programmes, applicants should meet one of the following requirements: *

1. Have obtained Level 2 in five HKDSE subjects⁽¹⁾ including Chinese Language⁽²⁾ and English Language⁽³⁾. (Applicant is allowed to use Applied Learning subjects⁽⁴⁾ in the application); OR
2. Have obtained a pass in one AL subject or passes in two AS subjects in HKALE and five passes in HKCEE including Chinese Language and English Language; OR
3. Have obtained a pass in one AL subject or passes in two AS subjects in HKALE and three passes in HKCEE plus Level 2 for Chinese Language and English Language; OR
4. Have successfully completed a Pre-Associate Degree programme; OR
5. Have successfully completed Diploma Yi Jin / Diploma of Applied Education programme; OR
6. Have obtained an equivalent qualification (Mainland applicants with the National College Entrance Examination (Gaokao) / Joint Entrance Examination for Universities in PRC (JEE, PRC) results will also be considered. 持全國普通高等學校招生入學考試(內地高考)/港澳台僑聯招試成績之內地申請人亦將予以考慮)⁽⁵⁾; OR
7. Have relevant and substantial work experience and/or prior qualification(s) obtained in or outside Hong Kong (e.g. assessed through recognition of prior learning and credit accumulation and transfer), with demonstrated ability to undertake sub-degree education; OR
8. Have reached the age of 21 or above.

Notes (1) If one of the five HKDSE subjects is Citizenship and Social Development subject, the minimum entrance requirement would become "Attained" for Citizenship and Social Development subject and Level 2 in four other HKDSE subjects including Chinese and English. The past result of Liberal Studies (Level 2 or above) will be considered as "Attained" in Citizenship and Social Development. Besides, Level 2 in Mathematics Extended Part (Module 1 or Module 2) is also recognised as one of the five HKDSE subjects in fulfilling the minimum entrance requirement.

(2) For non-Chinese-speaking learners, alternative Chinese Language qualifications will be accepted for students who have met the specified conditions: (a) students who have learned Chinese Language for less than 6 years while receiving primary and secondary education; (b) students who have learned Chinese Language for 6 years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in local schools. ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) should, in general, be accepted as an alternative Chinese Language qualification, among other acceptable alternative Chinese Language qualifications.

(3) Students with HKDSE English Language results at Level 3 or below are required to complete non-credit bearing English enhancement course(s) in the first year of study.

(4) The Applied Learning (ApL) subjects do not include ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) as this subject is introduced to provide an additional channel exclusively for non-Chinese speaking students to obtain an alternative Chinese language qualification. For the 2012-2017 HKDSE Examinations, students attaining the results of "Attained" and "Attained with Distinction" in the ApL subjects are accepted as attaining the competencies required at Level 2 and Level 3 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination respectively for the purposes of further studies and work. Effective from the 2018 HKDSE Examination, the reporting of students' performance is refined to "Attained", "Attained with Distinction (I)" and "Attained with Distinction (II)". Performance of "Attained with Distinction (I)" is comparable to Level 3 while "Attained with Distinction (II)" is comparable to Level 4 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination.

(5) Mainland applicants who have met the 3rd cut-off line of the respective province in the Gaokao/National Joint College Entrance Examination (JEE) and the score of English Language is at least 80. 全國普通高等學校招生入學考試(內地高考)/港澳台僑聯招試本科達三批分數線及英語科達80分或以上。

* Subject to the approval of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications.

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