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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:



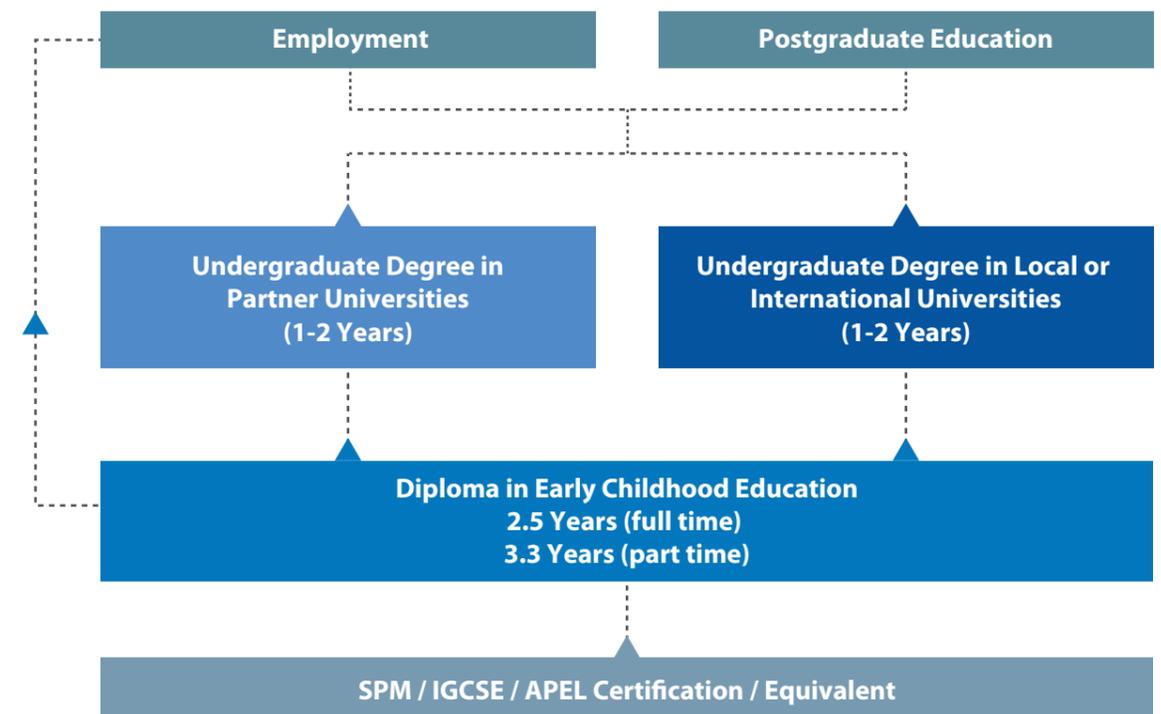
### REWARDING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO EXPLORE:

- 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 and a pass in Bahasa Melayu and Sejarah (History)

### O LEVEL / IGCSE

Min. 3 credits in any subjects

### SIJIL TINGGI PERSEKOLAHAN MALAYSIA (STPM)

Min. Grade C in any subjects

### ICCE GENERAL CERTIFICATE

Min. 80% in 5 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

# Diploma in Early Childhood Education

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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.

**INTAKE**  
January, May & August

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**2.5** (full time)  
**3.3** (part time)  
Years Programme



## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

### CORE SUBJECTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundations of Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Child Development 1</li> <li>• Positive Behaviour Management</li> <li>• Language and Early Literacy</li> <li>• Creative Expressions Through Art and Drama</li> <li>• Physical Education for Young Children</li> <li>• Programme Planning and Implementation</li> <li>• Observation and Assessment of Young Children</li> <li>• Infant and Toddler Care</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching Social Studies to Young Children</li> <li>• Play in Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Partnership with Families and the Community</li> <li>• Teaching Mathematics to Young Children</li> <li>• Creative Expressions Through Music and Movement</li> <li>• Child Development 2</li> <li>• Guidance of Young Children</li> <li>• Children with Special Needs</li> <li>• Foundations of Professional Practice</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The National Preschool Standard Curriculum</li> <li>• Child's Health, Safety and Nutrition</li> <li>• Technology in Early Childhood Education</li> <li>• Entrepreneurship and Early Childhood Administration</li> <li>• English Enhancement</li> <li>• Teaching Young Children with Learning Disabilities</li> </ul> |
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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:

- Pengajian Malaysia 2  
For local students
- Information Literacy
- Character Formation
- Service Learning

- Bahasa Kebangsaan A  
For local students who do not have credit in SPM BM
- BM Komunikasi 1  
For international students

### 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.



**Ranimah Oransum**

Diploma in Early Childhood Education, MCKL

Despite starting school only at the age of nine, I now have the highest education qualification in my family from Kampung Perupuk Pitas, Sabah. Thanks to MCKL, I now have a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and am currently able to work in the city to support my family.



**Sean Ling Jixiang**

Diploma in Early Childhood Education, MCKL  
Early Childhood Education & Care,  
Munster Technological University, Ireland

My experience in MCKL has been a pleasant one, to say the least. The lecturers here are extremely helpful and were always ready to assist me at any given time. In my course, I was required to participate in two internships. I was able to apply theory to practice and grow professionally through these experiences. I think that studying at MCKL has taught me problem-solving and communication skills, which I was able to improve upon while performing my internships.



**Sharifah Zahrah binti Syed Mahdi**

Diploma in Early Childhood Education, MCKL  
Cherie Hearts International Preschool, Malaysia

MCKL has the best programme for early childhood education. It shapes students to become not only good educators, but also brave and respectful ones. MCKL's lecturers are very supportive and helpful. At times it was challenging due to the COVID-19 lockdown, which shifted learning online, but my lecturers motivated me to embrace the challenge and experience a meaningful journey. Fortunately, I was also surrounded by a wonderful and amazing group of friends who helped and worked together with me.



**Denise Thean Pui Yan**

Diploma in Early Childhood Education, MCKL  
Bachelor of Early Childhood Care and Education,  
Institute of Technology, Tralee, Ireland

Part of the memorable experience at MCKL was being taught by kind and diligent lecturers. They presented lectures in an easy to understand way to accommodate students from various backgrounds and proficiency levels of English, while never compromising on the quality standard of their classes.



**SUCCESSFUL ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE**

**AUSTRALIA**

- Monash University
- Queensland University of Technology

**CANADA**

- Brock University

**IRELAND**

- Munster Technological University (formerly IT Tralee)

**MALAYSIA**

- SEGi University
- Universiti Sains Malaysia

**NEW ZEALAND**

- University of Waikato
- New Zealand Tertiary College

**UNITED KINGDOM**

- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Gloucestershire
- University College Birmingham
- University of Northampton
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Leeds Beckett University
- University of Portsmouth

**USA**

- University of Central Oklahoma

**PARTNER UNIVERSITIES**

**1 Year Degree Programme**



**2 Years Degree Programme**



\*partial listing only

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Since its establishment in 1983, the College has gained a reputation of providing quality private education in the best of Methodist traditions. The educational experience is underpinned by core values, ethical standards and community involvement. Experienced lecturers teach classes and they give personal attention to their students. The College also provides student counselling (personal and academic), including making career choices and support for university applications.

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