



University of East London

In Collaboration with Advent Links-SAUC

MA in Early Childhood Studies

December 2005 Intake



One year full-time or part-time equivalent

The programme looks at:

- Early Childhood Studies from a Global and International Perspective
- The Early Years Curriculum in Diverse National and International Settings

The Masters in Early Childhood Studies provides a flexible, modular, credit based pathway of advanced study in the field. This pathway encourages you to engage critically with different theoretical, cultural, institutional and developmental issues that influence the Early Childhood experience. It includes the study of the Early Years curriculum from an international perspective, and focuses on research in a specialist area. Its aim is to enable you to reflect critically on the relationships between theory and practice.

What will I learn on this course?

On successful completion of the programme, you will:

- develop an advanced knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood Studies
- apply analysis, synthesis and evaluative skills to the research and study of Early Years theory and curriculum
- develop knowledge and skills in curriculum design, implementation and evaluation of Early Childhood provision and settings
- extend and develop in-depth knowledge of a specialist area
- prepare for and plan a piece of advanced research in the field of Early Childhood Studies

Admission requirements

- An application form and references
- A degree in a relevant subject area e.g. in Early Childhood Studies, Social Policy, Health Studies or related subject
- Evidence of ability to pursue study at Masters level e.g. sample of graduate level coursework
- Overall IELTS of 6.5 or equivalent for students whose first language is not English or GCE "O" level in English
- * Where necessary applicants may be required to attend an interview at Advent Links-SAUC for assessment of their suitability for the programme
- * All degrees must be from a recognized university
- *As the programme requires students to utilize the email and the world wide web to search for information, it is essential that students have easy access to an internet connection (preferably broadband).

How we will support you

You will be supported through personal, individual and module tutorials. You will also be assigned a personal tutor who will support you throughout your study. For the final dissertation, you will be supported by a supervisor with the relevant specialist knowledge. The programme permits students to study flexibly, full-time or part-time. You can accumulate credits over a period to suit your personal and professional circumstances. Lectures and tutorials will be held both during the day and evenings to accommodate full-time and part-time students.

What will I study?

The programme comprises three major components: core required modules, specialised Early Childhood modules and a final research dissertation in a related area of study. There will be a range of subject areas such as:

- 'Research Methods in Early Childhood'
- 'Issues and Controversies in Childhood Development'
- 'Advanced Study of Curricular Models in Diverse National and International Settings'
- 'Management and Leadership in the Early Years'

Students are required to take 4 modules and a final dissertation. The modular scheme of the programme enables students to pursue their particular areas of interest, and students have the autonomy to choose a final dissertation topic which suits their academic interests and development.

Fees

Application Fee: \$100 (+GST) (Non Refundable)

Course Fee: \$25,000 (inclusive of GST, Unit Plan, Readers, Textbooks, Student ID, Library Fee)

Application Procedures

Candidates are required to complete an application form and submit the following:

1. Copies of degree/professional certificates and transcripts
2. 4 passport size photographs
3. Photocopy of NRIC (both sides)
4. A non-refundable application processing fee of \$100 (+GST)

Completed package should be submitted to:

The Registrar
Advent Links-SAUC
299 Thomson Road
Singapore 307652

For more details please contact Mr Ernest Toh, the Registrar at: Tel: 6254-9246 Email: ernestt@alsauc.edu.sg Website: www.alsauc.edu.sg