



Early Childhood Studies

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The ACT Senior Secondary System

The ACT senior secondary system recognises a range of university, vocational or life skills pathways.

The system is based on the premise that teachers are experts in their area: they know their students and community and are thus best placed to develop curriculum and assess students according to their needs and interests. Students have ownership of their learning and are respected as young adults who have a voice.

A defining feature of the system is school-based curriculum and continuous assessment. School-based curriculum provides flexibility for teachers to address students' needs and interests. College teachers have an opportunity to develop courses for implementation across ACT schools. Based on the courses that have been accredited by the BSSS, college teachers are responsible for developing programs of learning. A program of learning is developed by individual colleges to implement the courses and units they are delivering.

Teachers must deliver all content descriptions; however, they do have flexibility to emphasise some content descriptions over others. It is at the discretion of the teacher to select the texts or materials to demonstrate the content descriptions. Teachers can choose to deliver course units in any order and teach additional (not listed) content provided it meets the specific unit goals.

School-based continuous assessment means that students are continually assessed throughout years 11 and 12, with both years contributing equally to senior secondary certification. Teachers and students are positioned to have ownership of senior secondary assessment. The system allows teachers to learn from each other and to refine their judgement and develop expertise.

Senior secondary teachers have the flexibility to assess students in a variety of ways. For example: multimedia presentation, inquiry-based project, test, essay, performance and/or practical demonstration may all have their place. College teachers are responsible for developing assessment instruments with task specific rubrics and providing feedback to students.

The integrity of the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate is upheld by a robust, collaborative, and rigorous structured consensus-based peer reviewed moderation process. System moderation involves all year 11 and 12 teachers from public, non-government and international colleges delivering the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

Only students who desire a pathway to university are required to sit a general aptitude test, referred to as the ACT Scaling Test (AST), which moderates student scores across courses and colleges. Students are required to use critical and creative thinking skills across a range of disciplines to solve problems. They are also required to interpret a stimulus and write an extended response.

Senior secondary curriculum makes provision for student-centred teaching approaches, integrated and project-based learning inquiry, formative assessment, and teacher autonomy. ACT Senior Secondary Curriculum makes provision for diverse learners and students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, so that all students can achieve an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) leads senior secondary education. It is responsible for quality assurance in senior secondary curriculum, assessment, and certification. The Board consists of nominees from colleges, professional bodies, universities, industry, parent/carer organisations and unions. The Office of the Board of Senior Secondary Studies (OBSSS) consists of professional and administrative staff who support the Board in achieving its objectives and functions.

ACT Senior Secondary Certificate

Courses of study for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate:

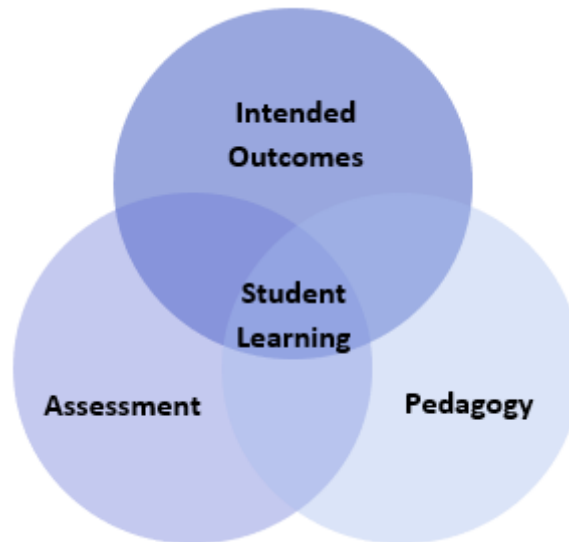
- provide a variety of pathways, to meet different learning needs and encourage students to complete their secondary education
- enable students to develop the essential capabilities for twenty-first century learners
- empower students as active participants in their own learning
- engage students in contemporary issues relevant to their lives
- foster students' intellectual, social, and ethical development
- nurture students' wellbeing, and physical and spiritual development
- enable effective and respectful participation in a diverse society.

Each course of study:

- comprises an integrated and interconnected set of knowledge, skills, behaviours, and dispositions that students develop and use in their learning across the curriculum
- is based on a model of learning that integrates intended student outcomes, pedagogy, and assessment
- outlines teaching strategies which are grounded in learning principles and encompass quality teaching
- promotes intellectual quality, establishes a rich learning environment, and generates relevant connections between learning and life experiences
- provides formal assessment and certification of students' achievements.

Underpinning beliefs

- All students are able to learn.
- Learning is a partnership between students and teachers.
- Teachers are responsible for advancing student learning.



Learning Principles

1. Learning builds on existing knowledge, understandings, and skills.
(Prior knowledge)
2. When learning is organised around major concepts, principles, and significant real-world issues, within and across disciplines, it helps students make connections and build knowledge structures.
(Deep knowledge and connectedness)
3. Learning is facilitated when students actively monitor their own learning and consciously develop ways of organising and applying knowledge within and across contexts.
(Metacognition)
4. Learners' sense of self and motivation to learn affects learning.
(Self-concept)
5. Learning needs to take place in a context of high expectations.
(High expectations)
6. Learners learn in different ways and at different rates.
(Individual differences)
7. Different cultural environments, including the use of language, shape learners' understandings and the way they learn.
(Socio-cultural effects)
8. Learning is a social and collaborative function as well as an individual one.
(Collaborative learning)
9. Learning is strengthened when learning outcomes and criteria for judging learning are made explicit and when students receive frequent feedback on their progress.
(Explicit expectations and feedback)

General Capabilities

All courses of study for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate should enable students to develop essential capabilities for twenty-first century learners. These 'capabilities' comprise an integrated and interconnected set of knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that students develop and use in their learning across the curriculum.

The capabilities include:

- literacy
- numeracy
- information and communication technology (ICT)
- critical and creative thinking
- personal and social
- ethical understanding
- intercultural understanding

Courses of study for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate should be both relevant to the lives of students and incorporate the contemporary issues they face. Hence, courses address the following three priorities. These priorities are:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

Elaboration of these General Capabilities and priorities is available on the ACARA website at www.australiancurriculum.edu.au.

Literacy

In *Early Childhood Studies*, students develop their literacy skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing as they access and respond to information from a wide range of sources. They interpret meaning from texts in print, oral, visual, spatial, and electronic forms. Students examine evidence, and analyse and evaluate texts for reliability, relevance, and accuracy. They critically analyse theories, concept, and principles, and evaluate the significance of issues with the use of evidence. Students communicate creatively and critically in different modes and for different purposes, such as to discuss, innovate, explain, and solve problems. By using appropriate text structure and language knowledge, students express their thoughts and ideas logically and fluently. Students monitor their language use for accuracy and clarity of ideas and explanations, conciseness of expression, and appropriateness for the purpose.

Numeracy

Early Childhood Studies students extend their numeracy skills through activities such as, interpreting and representing data, maps, and graphic representations. They recognise patterns and relationships chronologically and spatially, and they have opportunities to support their views with data. Students develop numeracy capability when they analyse, interpret, and draw conclusions from statistical information.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Capability

In *Early Childhood Studies*, students access and integrate a growing range of online information, tools, and applications. They use digital tools to locate, access, process and analyse information. These include digitised online materials such as journals, magazines, newspapers, and images, as well as other online resources including databases, reference works and indexes to library holdings. Students use ICT skills to investigate and identify the source and credibility of evidence, and to communicate creatively and critically. They evaluate the use of devices and apps in early childhood development.

Critical and Creative Thinking

In *Early Childhood Studies*, students apply critical and creative thinking skills to examining the implications of the ideas and information they investigate. They pose questions and develop interpretations based on an assessment of the evidence and reasoning. They synthesise theories and concepts from a range of disciplines to propose plausible and creative solutions to problems in early childhood settings. They respond to the challenges of the twenty-first century - with its complex environmental, social, and economic pressures - requiring young people to be creative, innovative, enterprising, and adaptable, with the motivation, confidence and skills to use critical and creative thinking purposefully.

Personal and Social Capability

Early Childhood Studies fosters personal and social capability in developing students' appreciation of the perspectives and experiences of others through empathy. Students learn to understand themselves and others, and manage their relationships, lives, work and learning more effectively. Personal and social capability involves students in a range of practices including recognising and regulating emotions, developing empathy for others, and understanding relationships, establishing and building positive relationships, making responsible decisions, working effectively in teams, handling challenging situations constructively and developing leadership skills. Students develop and practice skills that enhance their communication skills and have opportunities to work both collaboratively and independently as part of their learning and research. Students develop social capability in being receptive to changing their thinking, developing knowledge and attitudes in promoting social justice and equity, and in influencing society to make the future more just and inclusive. They self-reflect on their own learning.

Ethical Understanding

In *Early Childhood Studies*, students learn to develop ethical understanding as they explore ethical issues and interactions with others, discuss ideas and learn to be accountable as members of their community. As cultural, social, environmental, and technological changes transform the world, the demands placed on learners and education systems are changing. Technologies bring local and distant communities into classrooms, exposing students to knowledge and global concerns as never before. Complex issues require responses that take account of ethical considerations such as human rights and responsibilities. As students engage with the elements of Ethical Understanding in *Early Childhood Studies*, they learn to recognise the complexity of many ethical issues. They develop a capacity to make reasoned ethical judgements through the investigation of a range of issues drawn from early childhood contexts.

Intercultural Understanding

In *Early Childhood Studies*, Intercultural Understanding involves students learning about and engaging with diverse cultures in ways that recognise commonalities and differences, create connections with others and cultivate mutual respect. Intercultural understanding is an essential part of living with others in the diverse world of the twenty-first century. It assists young people to become responsible local and global citizens, equipped through their education for living and working together in an interconnected world. Intercultural understanding combines personal, interpersonal, and social knowledge and skills. It involves students learning to value and view critically their own cultural perspectives and practices and those of others through their interactions with people, texts and contexts on matters related to early childhood.

Cross-Curriculum Priorities

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures

This priority will provide opportunities for all students to appreciate the challenges faced by one of the world's oldest continuous living cultures. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the significance and impact First Nations Australians histories and dynamic cultures continue to have on our world. This priority provides important and engaging contexts for exploring personal, community and group identities. In doing this, it builds understanding about differences and commonalities in systems of knowledge and beliefs.

Early Childhood Studies encourages all students to engage with and appreciate the lived experiences of First Nations Australians. It explores First Nations Australians cultural heritage and further develops student knowledge of key concepts of country/place, peoples, and cultures. The experience of early childhood is a critical contemporary issue for First Nations Australians.

Students learn about the richness of First Nations Australians modes of communication and ways of living and develop appreciation and understanding of uniquely Australian connections to place, people and ways of being. They explore the importance of family and kinship structures for maintaining and promoting health, safety and wellbeing within their community and the wider community.

Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

Early Childhood Studies enables students to appreciate and engage with diverse cultures, traditions, and belief systems of the Asia region through the development of communication and interpersonal skills that reflect cultural understanding, empathy, and respect. Students examine the meaning of childhood across the cultures of the Asia region. These include perspectives on childhood and the nature of early childhood settings, traditional and contemporary. Students recognise the influence within Australian culture of migrant communities on early childhood settings.

Sustainability

In *Early Childhood Studies*, students explore how children connect and interact with natural, managed and built environments, and with people in different social groups within their social networks and wider communities. They consider how these connections and interactions within systems play an important role in promoting, supporting, and sustaining the education and wellbeing of individuals, the community, and the environment as a whole, now and into the future. Students develop an understanding of their potential to contribute to sustainable patterns of living. They will develop their world view by exploring concepts of diversity and social justice as these relate to *Early Childhood Studies*. Students are provided with opportunities to develop an appreciation of the interdependence of children and their environments.

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Rationale

In Early Childhood Studies, students explore the experiences, development, needs, rights and education of children. They explore a wide range of approaches to the care and education of children. They develop knowledge and understanding of children through analysing key concepts, theories and learning frameworks.

Students consider the importance and interrelationships of children's health, behaviour, and well-being, and the significance of play in children's lives. They investigate the impact of a range of contexts on conceptualisations of childhood, and that affect the experiences of childhood. Students examine the impact of a range of possible interventions on the well-being, education and parenting of children. They critically analyse the regulatory frameworks and regulations that govern the lives and care of children.

Early Childhood Studies prepares students for relating to and managing children. This will support further study in education and childcare at CIT/TAFE or university. They will be able to access work opportunities in the growing industries of childcare and education as teachers and childcare workers. It will also support students in developing skills as parents and possibly help them to undertake one of the greatest challenges they will face in life, raising their own children. The knowledge, skills and understandings students gain in this course will empower them to support the well-being of children, and thereby, all society.

Goals

This course should enable students to:

- critically analyse concepts, principles, ideas, and change
- synthesise different interpretations, representations, and perspectives
- evaluate significance of information, processes, and concepts
- apply critical and creative thinking skills
- reflect on own thinking and learning
- communicate creatively and critically in a range of modes for a variety of purposes.

Unit Titles

- Play and Learning
- Child Health and Wellbeing
- Childhood
- Perspectives on Children
- Independent Study

Organisation of Content

Play and Learning

Students examine how children play and learn. They investigate perspectives on play, such as contemporary research, cross-cultural, and historical, to understand its role in childhood. They examine the role of play in child development and a child's right to play.

Child Health and Wellbeing

Students examine the factors that affect the health and wellbeing of children at different stages of childhood. They understand that childhood is a unique and intense period for growth and development and apply that understanding to consider the emotional and physical wellbeing of children.

Childhood

Students examine the domains of child development and theories of development. They examine the significance of relationships in child development. Students investigate research on neurological development in children.

Perspectives on Children

Students examine a range of cultural, historical, political, and philosophical perspectives on childhood. They analyse the applications and consequences of those perspectives on children's experiences and how they have changed over time and place.

Independent Study

An Independent Study unit has an important place in senior secondary courses. It is a valuable pedagogical approach that empowers students to make decisions about their own learning. An Independent Study unit can be proposed by an individual student for their own independent study and negotiated with their teacher. The program of learning for an Independent Study unit must meet the unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in the course.

Independent Study units are only available to individual students in Year 12. A student can only study a maximum of one Independent Study unit in each course. Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course. An Independent Study unit requires the principal's written approval. Principal approval can also be sought by a student in Year 12 to enrol concurrently in an Independent Study unit and their third 1.0 unit in this course of study.

Assessment

The identification of criteria within the achievement standards and assessment task types and weightings provides a common and agreed basis for the collection of evidence of student achievement.

Assessment Criteria (the dimensions of quality that teachers look for in evaluating student work) provide a common and agreed basis for judgement of performance against unit and course goals, within and across colleges. Over a course, teachers must use all these criteria to assess students' performance but are not required to use all criteria on each task. Assessment criteria are to be used holistically on a given task and in determining the unit grade.

Assessment Tasks elicit responses that demonstrate the degree to which students have achieved the goals of a unit based on the assessment criteria. The Common Curriculum Elements (CCE) is a guide to developing assessment tasks that promote a range of thinking skills (see Appendix C). It is highly desirable that assessment tasks engage students in demonstrating higher order thinking.

Rubrics are constructed for individual tasks, informing the assessment criteria relevant for a particular task, and can be used to assess a continuum that indicates levels of student performance against each criterion.

Assessment Criteria

Students will be assessed on the degree to which they demonstrate:

- knowledge and understanding
- skills.

Assessment Task Types

Suggested tasks:

- interview based report
- commentary
- annotated bibliography
- in-class essay
- debate
- portfolio
- field work
- lab research
- viva voce
- document/source analysis
- report
- role play
- research and design report
- test/exam
- oral (seminar)
- empathetic response
- writing task
- response to stimulus
- exposition
- extended response
- essay
- website
- multimodal
- creative response
- interview
- discussion forum
- practical project
- workshop

Weightings in A/T/M 1.0 and 0.5 Units:

No task to be weighted more than 60% for a standard 1.0 unit and half-standard 0.5 unit.

Additional Assessment Information

- For a standard unit (1.0), students must complete a minimum of three assessment tasks and a maximum of five.
- For a half standard unit (0.5), students must complete a minimum of two and a maximum of three assessment tasks.
- Assessment tasks for a standard (1.0) or half-standard (0.5) unit must be informed by the Achievement Standards.
- Students must experience a variety of task types and different modes of communication to demonstrate the Achievement Standards.

Achievement Standards

Years 11 and 12 Achievement Standards are written for A/T courses. A single achievement standard is written for M courses.

A Year 12 student in any unit is assessed using the Year 12 achievement standards. A Year 11 student in any unit is assessed using the Year 11 achievement standards. Year 12 achievement standards reflect higher expectations of student achievement compared to the Year 11 achievement standards. Years 11 and 12 achievement standards are differentiated by cognitive demand, the number of dimensions and the depth of inquiry.

An achievement standard cannot be used as a rubric for an individual assessment task. Assessment is the responsibility of the college. Student tasks may be assessed using rubrics or marking schemes devised by the college. A teacher may use the achievement standards to inform development of rubrics. The verbs used in achievement standards may be reflected in the rubric. In the context of combined Years 11 and 12 classes, it is best practice to have a distinct rubric for Years 11 and 12. These rubrics should be available for students prior to completion of an assessment task so that success criteria are clear.

Achievement Standards Humanities and Social Sciences A Course - Year 11

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Achievement Standards Humanities and Social Sciences T Course - Year 11

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Achievement Standards Humanities and Social Sciences A Course - Year 12

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Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyses histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures to understand individual and collective behaviour analyses the significance and impact of ideas, events, texts, or people with the critical use of evidence to draw logical conclusions, or predict possible futures analyses the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture and their relationship to a fair, secure, resilient society analyses concepts and principles and evaluates the significance of ideas, movements, developments in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts analyses and evaluates processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explains histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures to understand individual and collective behaviour explains the significance of issues/events with the use of evidence and explains impacts to predict possible futures explains the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture and explains the relationship to a fair, secure, resilient society explains concepts and principles and the significance of ideas, movements, developments in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts analyses processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures to understand individual and collective behaviour describes the significance of issues/events with the use of evidence and describes impacts to predict possible futures describes the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture and describes the relationship to a fair, secure, resilient society describes concepts and principles and the significance of ideas, movements, developments in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts explains processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures demonstrating some understanding of individual and collective behaviour describes issues/events and identifies their significance and impacts with some use of evidence identifies the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture with some reference to its relationship with a fair, secure, resilient society describes concepts and principles with some reference to the significance of ideas, movements, developments in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts describes processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures with little to no reference to the individual and collective behaviour identifies issues/events with little to no reference to their significance and impact with minimal use of evidence identifies different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture with little to no reference to their relationship with a fair, secure, resilient society identifies concepts and principles with little to no reference to the significance of ideas, movements, developments in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts identifies processes of change with little to no reference to our world and our place in the world
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process, selecting, and using relevant evidence based on evaluation of credible sources applies critical and creative thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to coherently investigate a need, problem, or challenge selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to analyse patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects insight on own thinking and learning and the significance of the Humanities and Social Sciences analyses different disciplines' theories, concepts and or principles to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a variety of modes using relevant evidence, appropriate language, and accurate referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process, selecting, and using relevant evidence based on analysis of credible sources applies critical and creative thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to explain patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects thoughtfully on own thinking and learning with some insight into the significance of the Humanities and Social Sciences explains different disciplines' theories, concepts and or principles to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates ideas and coherent arguments in a range of modes using relevant evidence, appropriate language, and accurate referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process, selecting, and using relevant evidence based on credible sources applies critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to describe patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects on own thinking and learning with some thought into the significance of the Humanities and Social Sciences describes different disciplines' theories, concepts and or principles to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates applicable ideas and arguments in modes using relevant evidence, appropriate language, and accurate referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, with some self-managing of the process, selecting and using relevant evidence applies some critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations and identifies some patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects on own learning with minimal thought into the significance of the Humanities and Social Sciences uses different disciplines' theories, concepts and or principles to propose solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates ideas and arguments in modes using some evidence, appropriate language and referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, demonstrating little to no self-management of the process, using minimal evidence applies minimal critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations and identifies few or no patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects with little or no thought on own learning or the significance of Humanities and Social Sciences identifies minimal or no different disciplines' theories, concepts and or principles to propose solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates basic ideas and arguments in modes using minimal evidence, language or referencing

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	<i>A student who achieves an A grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a B grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a C grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a D grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves an E grade typically</i>
Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> evaluates histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures to understand individual and collective behaviour evaluates the significance and impact of ideas, events, texts, or people with the critical use of evidence to draw justified conclusions, or predict possible futures critically analyses the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture and evaluates their relationships to a fair, secure, resilient society critically analyses processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world and evaluates the role of influences such as technologies and innovation critically analyses concepts and principles, ideas, movements, and developments and evaluates their significance in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyses histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures to understand individual and collective behaviour analyses the significance of issues/events with the use of evidence and explains impacts to predict possible futures analyses the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture and explains their relationships to a fair, secure, resilient society analyses processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world and explains the role of influences such as technologies and innovation analyses concepts and principles, ideas, movements, and developments, and explains their significance in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explains histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures to understand individual and collective behaviour explains the significance of issues/events with the use of evidence and describes impacts to predict possible futures explains the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture and describes their relationships to a fair, secure, resilient society explains processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world and describes the role of influences such as technologies and innovation explains concepts and principles, ideas, movements, and developments, and explains their significance in personal, cultural, social and/or historical contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures demonstrating some understanding of individual and collective behaviour describes issues/events and identifies their significance and impact with some use of evidence describes the contestable nature of different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture with some reference to their relationships with a fair, secure, resilient society describes processes of change to understand our world and our place in the world with some reference to the role of influences such as technologies and innovation describes concepts and principles, ideas, movements, and developments with some reference to their significance in personal, cultural, social and or historical contexts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes histories, environments, systems, data, and cultures with little to no reference to the individual and collective behaviour identifies issues/events with little to no reference to their significance and impact with minimal use of evidence identifies different interpretations, representations and perspectives related to individuals/institutions/society/culture with little to no reference to their relationships with a fair, secure, resilient society identifies processes of change with little to no reference to our world, our place in the world and influences such as the role of technologies and innovation identifies concepts and principles, ideas, movement, and developments with little to no reference to their significance in personal, cultural, social and or historical contexts
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies critical and creative thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a complex need, problem, or challenge undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process, selecting, and using relevant evidence based on evaluation of credible sources selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to analyse patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects with insight on own thinking and learning in Humanities and Social Sciences, evaluating the impact on values and attitudes, and the potential for Humanities and Social Sciences to generate knowledge in the public good synthesises theories, concepts, and principles from a range of disciplines to propose plausible and creative solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates complex ideas and coherent and sustained arguments in a range of modes using relevant evidence, appropriate language, and accurate referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a complex need, problem, or challenge undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process, selecting, and using relevant evidence based on analysis of credible sources selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to explain patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects on own thinking and learning in Humanities and Social Sciences, analysing the impact on values and attitudes, and the potential for Humanities and Social Sciences to generate knowledge in the public good analyses theories, concepts, and principles from a range of disciplines to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates ideas and coherent arguments in a variety of modes using relevant evidence, appropriate language, and accurate referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process, selecting, and using relevant evidence based on an explanation of credible sources selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to describe patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects on own thinking and learning in Humanities and Social Sciences, explaining the impact on values and attitudes, and the potential for Humanities and Social Sciences to generate knowledge in the public good explains theories, concepts, and principles from a range of disciplines to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates ideas and arguments appropriately in modes using relevant evidence, appropriate language, and accurate referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies some critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge undertakes an inquiry, with some self-managing of the process, selecting and using relevant evidence based on some credible sources selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to identify some patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects on own thinking and learning in Humanities and Social Sciences and describes impact on values and attitudes, and potential to generate knowledge in the public good describes theories, concepts, and principles from a range of disciplines to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates ideas in modes and arguments using some evidence, appropriate language and referencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applies few or no critical thinking skills and appropriate methodologies to investigate a need, problem, or challenge undertakes an inquiry, demonstrating little to no self-management of the process, using minimal evidence selects, constructs, and uses appropriate representations to identify few or no patterns, trends, interconnections, and relationships such as cause and effect reflects on own thinking and learning in Humanities and Social Sciences with little or no reference to the impact on values and attitudes, and potential to generate knowledge in the public good identifies some theories, concepts, and principles from a range of disciplines to propose plausible solutions to problems and inform decision making communicates basic ideas in modes and arguments using minimal evidence, language and referencing

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	<i>A student who achieves an A grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a B grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a C grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves a D grade typically</i>	<i>A student who achieves an E grade typically</i>
Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes a significant issue/event with independence describes different perspectives and interpretations of an issue/event with independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes a significant issue/event with some independence describes different perspectives and interpretations of an issue/event with some independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes a significant issue/event with assistance describes different perspectives and interpretations of an issue/event with assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes a significant issue/event with repeated cueing describes different perspectives and interpretations of an issue/event with repeated cueing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describes a significant issue/event with direct instruction describes different perspectives and interpretations of an issue/event with direct instruction
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process with independence applies appropriate methodology to investigate a need, problem, or challenge with independence describes relationships such as cause and effect with independence draws ideas from different disciplines to propose a solution to a problem with independence communicates ideas using appropriate language with independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process with some independence applies appropriate methodology to investigate a need, problem, or challenge with some independence describes relationships such as cause and effect with some independence draws ideas from different disciplines to propose a solution to a problem with some independence communicates ideas using appropriate language with some independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process with assistance applies appropriate methodology to investigate a need, problem, or challenge with assistance describes relationships such as cause and effect with assistance draws ideas from different disciplines to propose a solution to a problem with assistance communicates ideas using appropriate language with assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry, self-managing the process with repeated cueing applies appropriate methodology to investigate a need, problem, or challenge with repeated cueing describes relationships such as cause and effect with repeated cueing draws ideas from different disciplines to propose a solution to a problem with repeated cueing communicates ideas using appropriate language with repeated cueing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> undertakes an inquiry with direct instruction applies appropriate methodology to investigate a need, problem, or challenge with direct instruction describes relationships such as cause and effect with direct instruction draws ideas from different disciplines to propose a solution to a problem with direct instruction communicates ideas using appropriate language with direct instruction

Play and Learning

Value: 1.0

Play and Learning

Value 0.5

Play and Learning

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students examine how children play and learn. They investigate perspectives on play, including contemporary research, cross-cultural, and historical, to understand its role in childhood. They examine the role of play in child development and a child’s right to play.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse play to understand the role and significance of play to children’s development and learning analyse theories about how children play and learn analyse perspectives on play, including the child’s right to play analyse theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse play to understand the role and significance of play to children’s development and learning critically analyse theories about how children play and learn critically analyse perspectives on play, including the child’s right to play synthesise theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe how play affects children’s development and learning identify perspectives on play, including the child’s right to play undertake inquiry to communicate ideas

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A Course	T Course	M Course
Concepts and Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse theories about how children play and learn assess research methodologies, data and evidence that supports theories of, play and learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse theories about how children play and learn, for example, Maria Montessori, Reggio Emilia, Kath Murdoch, Brian Sutton Smith, Fraser Brown, Bob Hughes, Marilyn Fler evaluate research methodologies, data and evidence that supports theories of, play and learning, for example, observation, statistical methods, literature review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe examples to understand how children play and learn undertake inquiry into children’s play and learning

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> examine the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards, regarding play and learning and the right to play analyse case studies of play and learning in a range of early learning programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> examine the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards, regarding play and learning and the right to play, for example, proposals, programming, annotations critically analyse case studies of play and learning in a range of early learning programs, for example, Sudbury Schools, nature play programs, STEM learning websites/apps, simulated play environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> draw ideas from the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards to consider play and learning and the right to play
Contexts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse notions of childhood play from a range of historical, contemporary, and cultural contexts, including the contexts of Australian First Nations analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical, and cultural contexts on play and learning, for example, nuclear/extended families, socio-economic background, urban inner-city settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse notions of childhood play from a range of historical, contemporary, and cultural contexts, including the contexts of Australian First Nations critically analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, cultural, political, geographical, and cultural contexts on play and learning, for example, nuclear/extended families, socio-economic background, urban inner-city settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe childhood play from varied contexts, including the contexts of Australian First Nations
Communication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply critical and creative thinking and communication skills to express complex ideas and sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage assess a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> synthesise critical and creative thinking and communication skills to express complex ideas and coherent, sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage evaluate a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate ideas using appropriate language use evidence to support ideas

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve complex problems and develop innovative solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work with others and solve problems • demonstrate awareness of the needs of others in an early childhood context
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to consider planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to assess the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to evaluate planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to evaluate the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own learning to improve future outcomes • reflect on the impact of their learning on their attitudes

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Assessment

Refer to pages 9-11.

Child Health and Wellbeing

Value: 1.0

Child health and Wellbeing

Value 0.5

Child health and Wellbeing

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students examine the factors that affect the health and wellbeing of children at different stages of childhood. They understand that childhood is a unique and intense period for growth and development and apply that understanding to consider the emotional and physical wellbeing of children.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the factors that affect the emotional and physical health and wellbeing of children at different stages of childhood analyse research methodology for gathering data on childhood health and wellbeing to assess reliability of research analyse models, theories, and recommendations for childhood health and wellbeing apply theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the factors that affect the emotional and physical health and wellbeing of children at different stages of childhood evaluate research methodology for gathering data on childhood health and wellbeing to assess reliability of research critically analyse models, theories, and recommendations for childhood health and wellbeing synthesise theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe emotional and physical health and wellbeing of children at different stages of childhood describe recommendations for childhood health and wellbeing undertake inquiry to communicate ideas

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A Course	T Course	M Course
Concepts and Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse theories of childhood growth, health, and wellbeing, for example, physiological, sociological, psychological 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse theories of childhood growth, health, and wellbeing, for example, physiological, sociological, psychological 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe emotional and physical health and wellbeing of children at different stages of childhood

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess research methodologies, data and evidence that supports theories and recommendations about childhood health and wellbeing, for example, Thrive by Five, correlation versus causation, community health surveys • examine the requirements in the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards in regard to the health and wellbeing of children • analyse programs, initiatives or policies for promoting health and wellbeing for different stages of childhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate research methodologies, data and evidence that supports theories and recommendations about childhood health and wellbeing, for example, Thrive by Five, correlation versus causation, community health surveys • examine the requirements in the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards in regard to the health and wellbeing of children • critically analyse programs, initiatives or policies for promoting health and wellbeing for different stages of childhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe recommendations for childhood health and wellbeing • draw ideas from the Australian Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards to consider the health and wellbeing of children
Contexts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse ideas about childhood health and wellbeing from a range of cultural, historical, or contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts • analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically analyse ideas about childhood health and wellbeing from a range of cultural, historical, or contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts • critically analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe childhood health and well-being from varied contexts, including Indigenous contexts
Communication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply critical and creative thinking and communication skills to express complex ideas and sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • synthesise critical and creative thinking and communication skills to communicate complex ideas and coherent, sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate ideas using appropriate language

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, observing academic integrity • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop innovative solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use evidence to support ideas • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work with others and solve problems • demonstrate awareness of the needs of others in an early childhood context
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to consider planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to assess the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to evaluate planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to evaluate the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own learning to improve future outcomes • reflect on the impact of their learning on their attitudes

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Assessment

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Childhood

Value: 1.0

Childhood

Value 0.5

Childhood

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students examine the cognitive, social-emotional, and physical domains of child development and they examine the family, community and educational settings and the relationships that impact child development. Students investigate research on neurological development in children.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse theories of child development analyse models, theories, and recommendations about nurturing development at different stages of childhood analyse research into factors that impact on the neurological development of children apply theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse theories of child development critically analyse models, theories, and recommendations about nurturing development at different stages of childhood critically analyse research into factors that impact on the neurological development of children synthesise theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe child development at different stages of childhood describe nurturing relationships undertake inquiry to communicate ideas

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A Course	T Course	M Course
Concepts and Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse theories that relate to physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of children assess research methodologies, data and evidence that supports theories of childhood development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse theories that relate to physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of children, for example, Maslow, Erikson, Piaget, Kohlberg, Vygotsky, Bronfenbrenner evaluate research methodologies, data and evidence that supports theories of childhood development, for example, Hart and Risley - '30 Million Word Gap', Gilkerson et al 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of children describe nurturing relationships

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess applications of developmental theories, ideas, and regulation in children’s lives, including the Early Years Learning Framework and the Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics, for example, family, day care, schools, out of home care • analyse research into factors that impact on the neurological development of children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate applications of developmental theories, ideas, and regulation in children’s lives, including the Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics and the Early Years Learning Framework, for example, family, day care, schools, out of home care • critically analyse research into factors that impact on the neurological development of children, for example, executive function, trauma, and risk taking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draw ideas from the Early Years Learning Framework and Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics to identify child safe behaviours
Contexts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse the impact of context on theories of development cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts • analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • critically analyse the impact of context on theories of development cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts • critically analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe different experiences of different contexts for childhood
Communication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply critical and creative thinking and communication skills to express complex ideas and sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage • assess a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • synthesise critical and creative thinking and communication skills to communicate complex ideas and coherent, sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage • evaluate a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate ideas using appropriate language • use evidence to support ideas

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop innovative solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work with others and solve problems • demonstrate awareness of the needs of others in an early childhood context
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to consider planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to assess the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to evaluate planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to evaluate the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own learning to improve future outcomes • reflect on the impact of their learning on their attitudes

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Assessment

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Perspectives on Children

Value: 1.0

Perspectives on Children

Value 0.5

Perspectives on Children

Value 0.5

Unit Description

Students examine a range of cultural, historical, political, and philosophical perspectives on childhood. They analyse the applications and consequences of those perspectives on children's experiences and how they have changed over time and place.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse cultural, historical, political, and philosophical perspectives on children examine the origins of different perspectives on childhood assess applications of different perspectives on children's experiences of family life and early childhood settings apply theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse cultural, historical, political, and philosophical perspectives on children critically analyse the origins of different perspectives on childhood evaluate applications of different perspectives on children's experiences of family life and early childhood settings synthesise theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe perspectives on children describe different experiences of children in family life and early childhood settings undertake inquiry to communicate ideas

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A Course	T Course	M Course
Concepts and Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse perspectives on children from developmental, political, and economic, social, and cultural, and Human Rights perspectives assess research methodologies, data and evidence that supports perspectives on childhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse perspectives on children from, developmental, political, and economic, social, and cultural, and Human Rights perspectives evaluate research methodologies, data and evidence that supports perspectives on childhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inquire into the human rights of children

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the origin and significance of perspectives on the care of children in families and early childhood settings, including the UN <i>Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> and Reggio Emilia's <i>The Image of the Child</i> analyse applications of different perspectives on children's experiences of family life and early childhood settings, for example, social inclusion, disability, disadvantage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the origin and significance of perspectives on the care of children in families and early childhood settings, including the UN <i>Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> and Reggio Emilia's <i>The Image of the Child</i> evaluate applications of different perspectives on children's experiences of family life and early childhood settings, for example, social inclusion, disability, disadvantage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the rights of children, for example, UN <i>Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> describe different experiences of children in family life and early childhood settings
Contexts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the impact of context on perspectives on childcare and family life, cultural historical and contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the impact of context on perspectives on childcare and family life, cultural historical and contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts critically analyse the impact of socio-economic, social, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe different ideas about childhood
Communication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply critical and creative thinking and communication skills to express complex ideas and sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage assess a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> synthesise critical and creative thinking and communication skills to communicate complex ideas and coherent, sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage evaluate a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, observing academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate ideas using appropriate language use evidence to support ideas

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work independently and collaboratively to solve problems and develop innovative solutions • demonstrate intercultural understanding and awareness of the needs of others when interacting with diverse people in an early childhood context 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • apply interpersonal and communication skills to work with others and solve problems • demonstrate awareness of the needs of others in an early childhood context
Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to consider planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to assess the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to evaluate planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to evaluate the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own learning to improve future outcomes • reflect on the impact of their learning on their attitudes

A guide to reading and implementing content descriptions

Content descriptions specify the knowledge, understanding and skills that students are expected to learn and that teachers are expected to teach. Teachers are required to develop a program of learning that allows students to demonstrate all the content descriptions. The lens which the teacher uses to demonstrate the content descriptions may be either guided through provision of electives within each unit or determined by the teacher when developing their program of learning.

A program of learning is what a college provides to implement the course for a subject. It is at the discretion of the teacher to emphasise some content descriptions over others. The teacher may teach additional (not listed) content provided it meets the specific unit goals. This will be informed by the student needs and interests.

Assessment

Refer to pages 9-11.

Independent Study

Value: 1.0

Independent Study

Value 0.5

Independent Study

Value 0.5

Prerequisites

Independent Study units are only available to individual students in Year 12. A student can only study a maximum of one Independent Study unit in each course. Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course. An Independent Study unit requires the principal's written approval. Principal approval can also be sought by a student in Year 12 to enrol concurrently in an Independent Study unit and their third 1.0 unit in this course of study.

Unit Description

An Independent Study unit has an important place in senior secondary courses. It is a valuable pedagogical approach that empowers students to make decisions about their own learning. An Independent Study unit can be proposed by an individual student for their own independent study and negotiated with their teacher. The program of learning for an Independent Study unit must meet the unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in the course.

Specific Unit Goals

This unit should enable students to:

A Course	T Course	M Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse theories related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies analyse policies related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies assess applications of regulatory and legislative frameworks related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies apply theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse theories related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies critically analyse policies related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies evaluate applications of regulatory and legislative frameworks related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies synthesise theories, examples, and research to communicate ideas and propose solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies describe policies and regulations related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies undertake inquiry to communicate ideas

Content Descriptions

All knowledge, understanding and skills below must be delivered:

A Course	T Course	M Course
Concepts and Ideas		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse theories related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies assess data and evidence related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies analyse key perspective and policies related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse theories related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies evaluate data and evidence related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies critically analyse a key perspective and policies related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies evaluate applications of regulatory and legislative frameworks related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies describe examples from the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies draw ideas from a key perspective or policy related to the topic of study in Early Childhood Studies
Contexts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the impact of context on the chosen topic of study in Early Childhood Studies cultural historical and contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts analyse the impact of socio-economic, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> critically analyse the impact of context on the chosen topic of study in Early Childhood Studies cultural historical and contemporary contexts, including indigenous contexts critically analyse the impact of socio-economic, political, geographical context on child wellbeing and lived experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the context of the chosen area of study
Communication		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply critical and creative thinking and communication skills to express complex ideas and sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage assess a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> synthesise critical and creative thinking and communication skills to communicate complex ideas and coherent, sustained arguments and solutions, using metalanguage evaluate a variety of relevant sources and perspectives in research to support arguments and draw evidence-based conclusions, using academic integrity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate ideas using appropriate language use evidence to support ideas

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Reflection		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to consider planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to assess the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own thinking and learning to evaluate planning, time management and use of appropriate work strategies to improve future outcomes • reflect with insight to evaluate the impact of their learning on their values and attitudes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reflect on own learning to improve future outcomes • reflect on the impact of their learning on their attitudes

A guide to reading and implementing content descriptions

Content descriptions specify the knowledge, understanding and skills that students are expected to learn and that teachers are expected to teach. Teachers are required to develop a program of learning that allows students to demonstrate all the content descriptions. The lens which the teacher uses to demonstrate the content descriptions may be either guided through provision of electives within each unit or determined by the teacher when developing their program of learning.

A program of learning is what a college provides to implement the course for a subject. It is at the discretion of the teacher to emphasise some content descriptions over others. The teacher may teach additional (not listed) content provided it meets the specific unit goals. This will be informed by the student needs and interests.

Assessment

Refer to pages 9-11.

Appendix A – Implementation Guidelines

Available course patterns

A standard 1.0 value unit is delivered over at least 55 hours. To be awarded a course, students must complete at least the minimum units over the whole minor, major, major/minor, or double major course.

Course	Number of standard units to meet course requirements
Minor	Minimum of 2 units
Major	Minimum of 3.5 units

Units in this course can be delivered in any order.

Prerequisites for the course or units within the course

Students must have studied at least three standard 1.0 units from this course in order to access the Independent Study unit. An Independent Study unit requires the principal's written approval. Principal approval can also be sought by a student in Year 12 to enrol concurrently in an Independent Study unit and their third 1.0 unit in this course of study.

Arrangements for students continuing study in this course

Students who studied the previous course may undertake any units in this course provided there is no duplication of content.

Duplication of Content Rules

Students cannot be given credit towards the requirements for a Senior Secondary Certificate for a unit that significantly duplicates content in a unit studied in another course. The responsibility for preventing undesirable overlap of content studied by a student, rests with the principal and the teacher delivering the course. Students will only be given credit for covering the content once.

Guidelines for Delivery

Program of Learning

A program of learning is what a school provides to implement the course for a subject. This meets the requirements for context, scope and sequence set out in the Board endorsed course. Students follow programs of learning in a college as part of their senior secondary studies. The detail, design, and layout of a program of learning are a college decision.

The program of learning must be documented to show the planned learning activities and experiences that meet the needs of particular groups of students, taking into account their interests, prior knowledge, abilities and backgrounds. The program of learning is a record of the learning experiences that enable students to achieve the knowledge, understanding and skills of the content descriptions. There is no requirement to submit a program of learning to the OBSSS for approval. The Principal will need to sign off at the end of Year 12 that courses have been delivered as accredited.

Content Descriptions

Are all content descriptions of equal importance? No. It depends on the focus of study. Teachers can customise their program of learning to meet their own students' needs, adding additional content descriptions if desired or emphasising some over others. A teacher must balance student needs with their responsibility to teach all content descriptions. It is mandatory that teachers address all content descriptions and that students engage with all content descriptions.

Half standard 0.5 units

Half standard units appear on the course adoption form but are not explicitly documented in courses. It is at the discretion of the college principal to split a standard 1.0 unit into two half standard 0.5 units. Colleges are required to adopt the half standard 0.5 units. However, colleges are not required to submit explicit documentation outlining their half standard 0.5 units to the BSSS. Colleges must assess students using the half standard 0.5 assessment task weightings outlined in the framework. It is the responsibility of the college principal to ensure that all content is delivered in units approved by the Board.

System Moderation

System moderation begins in schools whereby teachers cooperate to develop assessment, and grade and score student assessment according to the relevant curriculum.

Moderation Day is an essential component of the ACT senior secondary system which empowers school autonomy in curriculum and assessment. Moderation Day is a collaborative and professional event whereby schools undertake system quality assurance activities on behalf of their current and future students. Moderation Day fosters and enriches the development of quality assessment and validates student achievement. Continued best practice in teaching and learning is ensured through the formation of valid, constructive, and detailed feedback.

System Moderation:

- provides comparability of school-based assessment
- forms the basis for valid and reliable assessment in senior secondary schools
- involves the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) and schools in cooperation and partnership
- maintains the integrity of the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate.

The Moderation Model

Moderation within the ACT senior secondary system encompasses structured, consensus-based peer review of Unit Grades and quality of assessment for all BSSS courses twice per year. In addition to System Moderation, there is statistical moderation of course scores.

Moderation by Structured, Consensus-based Peer Moderation

Consensus-based peer moderation involves the review of student assessment against system wide criteria and standards and the validation of Unit Grades. This is done by matching student performance with the Framework Achievement Standards. In addition, feedback will be provided on the quality of the task.

Preparation for Structured, Consensus-based Peer Review

Schools retain originals or copies of student assessment evidence completed in the delivery of the unit and all unit documentation. Student assessment evidence must be sufficient to allow reviewing teachers to make an accurate judgment of grade standard. Schools will use ACS to present this information for System Moderation. Criteria for each Moderation Day will be communicated to schools in the proceeding calendar year.

Feedback from System Moderation

Feedback is provided to schools to affirm good practice and inform continuous improvement. This feedback is based on the BSSS Quality Assessment Guidelines and relevant course documents. It is expected that schools engage with feedback and address any longitudinal trends as outlined in the *BSSS Policy and Procedures Manual*.

Appendix B – Course Developers

Name	College
A/Prof Kym Simoncini	University of Canberra
Janelle Jolly	St Mary MacKillop College
Helen Witcombe	Erindale College / Lake Tuggeranong College
Leisa Williams	Trinity Christian School

Appendix C – Common Curriculum Elements

Common curriculum elements assist in the development of high-quality assessment tasks by encouraging breadth and depth and discrimination in levels of achievement.

Organisers	Elements	Examples
create, compose, and apply	apply	ideas and procedures in unfamiliar situations, content, and processes in non-routine settings
	compose	oral, written, and multimodal texts, music, visual images, responses to complex topics, new outcomes
	represent	images, symbols, or signs
	create	creative thinking to identify areas for change, growth, and innovation, recognise opportunities, experiment to achieve innovative solutions, construct objects, imagine alternatives
	manipulate	images, text, data, points of view
analyse, synthesise, and evaluate	justify	arguments, points of view, phenomena, choices
	hypothesise	statement/theory that can be tested by data
	extrapolate	trends, cause/effect, impact of a decision
	predict	data, trends, inferences
	evaluate	text, images, points of view, solutions, phenomenon, graphics
	test	validity of assumptions, ideas, procedures, strategies
	argue	trends, cause/effect, strengths, and weaknesses
	reflect	on strengths and weaknesses
	synthesise	data and knowledge, points of view from several sources
	analyse	text, images, graphs, data, points of view
	examine	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
investigate	issues, problems	
organise, sequence, and explain	sequence	text, data, relationships, arguments, patterns
	visualise	trends, futures, patterns, cause, and effect
	compare/contrast	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	discuss	issues, data, relationships, choices/options
	interpret	symbols, text, images, graphs
	explain	explicit/implicit assumptions, bias, themes/arguments, cause/effect, strengths/weaknesses
	translate	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	assess	probabilities, choices/options
	select	main points, words, ideas in text
identify, summarise and plan	reproduce	information, data, words, images, graphics
	respond	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	relate	events, processes, situations
	demonstrate	probabilities, choices/options
	describe	data, visual images, arguments, points of view
	plan	strategies, ideas in text, arguments
	classify	information, data, words, images
	identify	spatial relationships, patterns, interrelationships
	summarise	main points, words, ideas in text, review, draft and edit

Appendix D – Glossary of Verbs

Verbs	Definition
Analyse	Consider in detail for the purpose of finding meaning or relationships, and identifying patterns, similarities, and differences
Apply	Use, utilise or employ in a particular situation
Argue	Give reasons for or against something
Assess	Make a Judgement about the value of
Classify	Arrange into named categories in order to sort, group or identify
Compare	Estimate, measure or note how things are similar or dissimilar
Compose	The activity that occurs when students produce written, spoken, or visual texts
Contrast	Compare in such a way as to emphasise differences
Create	Bring into existence, to originate
Critically analyse	Analysis that engages with criticism and existing debate on the issue
Demonstrate	Give a practical exhibition an explanation
Describe	Give an account of characteristics or features
Discuss	Talk or write about a topic, taking into account different issues or ideas
Evaluate	Examine and judge the merit or significance of something
Examine	Determine the nature or condition of
Explain	Provide additional information that demonstrates understanding of reasoning and /or application
Extrapolate	Infer from what is known
Hypothesise	Put forward a supposition or conjecture to account for certain facts and used as a basis for further investigation by which it may be proved or disproved
Identify	Recognise and name
Interpret	Draw meaning from
Investigate	Planning, inquiry into and drawing conclusions about
Justify	Show how argument or conclusion is right or reasonable
Manipulate	Adapt or change
Plan	Strategize, develop a series of steps, processes
Predict	Suggest what might happen in the future or as a consequence of something
Reflect	The thought process by which students develop an understanding and appreciation of their own learning. This process draws on both cognitive and affective experience
Relate	Tell or report about happenings, events, or circumstances
Represent	Use words, images, symbols, or signs to convey meaning
Reproduce	Copy or make close imitation
Respond	React to a person or text
Select	Choose in preference to another or others
Sequence	Arrange in order
Summarise	Give a brief statement of the main points
Synthesise	Combine elements (information/ideas/components) into a coherent whole
Test	Examine qualities or abilities
Translate	Express in another language or form, or in simpler terms
Visualise	The ability to decode, interpret, create, question, challenge and evaluate texts that communicate with visual images as well as, or rather than, words

Appendix E – Glossary for ACT Senior Secondary Curriculum

Courses will detail what teachers are expected to teach and students are expected to learn for year 11 and 12. They will describe the knowledge, understanding and skills that students will be expected to develop for each learning area across the years of schooling.

Learning areas are broad areas of the curriculum, including English, mathematics, science, the arts, languages, health, and physical education.

A **subject** is a discrete area of study that is part of a learning area. There may be one or more subjects in a single learning area.

Frameworks are system documents for Years 11 and 12 which provide the basis for the development and accreditation of any course within a designated learning area. In addition, frameworks provide a common basis for assessment, moderation and reporting of student outcomes in courses based on the framework.

The **course** sets out the requirements for the implementation of a subject. Key elements of a course include the rationale, goals, content descriptions, assessment, and achievement standards as designated by the framework.

BSSS courses will be organised into units. A unit is a distinct focus of study within a course. A standard 1.0 unit is delivered for a minimum of 55 hours generally over one semester.

An **Independent Study unit** is a pedagogical approach that empowers students to make decisions about their own learning. Independent Study units can be proposed by a student and negotiated with their teacher but must meet the specific unit goals and content descriptions as they appear in the course.

An **elective** is a lens for demonstrating the content descriptions within a standard 1.0 or half standard 0.5 unit.

A **lens** is a particular focus or viewpoint within a broader study.

Content descriptions refer to the subject-based knowledge, understanding and skills to be taught and learned.

A **program of learning** is what a college develops to implement the course for a subject and to ensure that the content descriptions are taught and learned.

Achievement standards provide an indication of typical performance at five different levels (corresponding to grades A to E) following completion of study of senior secondary course content for units in a subject.

ACT senior secondary system **curriculum** comprises all BSSS approved courses of study.

Appendix F – Course Adoption

Conditions of Adoption

The course and units of this course are consistent with the philosophy and goals of the college and the adopting college has the human and physical resources to implement the course.

Adoption Process

Course adoption must be initiated electronically by an email from the principal or their nominated delegate to bssscertification@ed.act.edu.au. A nominated delegate must CC the principal.

The email will include the **Conditions of Adoption** statement above, and the table below adding the **College** name, and circling the **Classification/s** required.

College:	
Course Title:	Early Childhood Studies
Classification/s:	A T M
Accredited from:	2022
Framework:	Humanities and Social Sciences 2019