



Bachelor of Child and Family Studies (Domestic students)

Program code

1095

Commencing in

For Continuing Students Only

Available at

Logan Campus, Z~Distance Education

Duration

3 years full-time

6 years part-time

Credit points

240

Important Notes

From Trimester 3-2020, commencing students are referred to the **Bachelor of Child, Youth and Family Practice (1637)**.

About this program

You will learn in a personal atmosphere through hands-on experience and from experts with strong links to the health sector, government and community.

You will study processes and structures related to providing services in specialist areas such as childcare, education, welfare, development and learning, family studies and child protection, and learn about ethics in child and family services.

You will undertake professional practice placements in your second and third year, for which you must be available five working days each week.

Advanced Diploma pathway

The Advanced Diploma pathway is designed for students who have previously completed an Advanced Diploma in Children's Services, an Advanced Diploma in Community Sector Management or an Advanced Diploma in Community Services Work and have at least two years industry experience in the early childhood or related sectors. This pathway recognises a student's prior learning and provides a pathway to a Bachelor degree qualification.

All the courses are completed online and there are two intakes available each year.

Students who complete this pathway and are awarded the Bachelor of Child and Family Studies may be eligible for admission to the Master of Teaching Primary. Upon completion of the Master of Teaching Primary, students will be eligible for teacher registration in Queensland and will be able to undertake the role of pedagogical leader in child care centres in Australia.

Honours is available through an additional year of study.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

There are two modes of study for this program.

On-campus

As a full-time on-campus student, you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week. The program includes three professional placements in Year 2 and 3 (100 days total) for which you must be available five working days each week. Some of the courses in this program are run in trimester 3 or in an intensive block format. It is important to check course profiles and your timetable carefully to ensure that all course requirements are fully understood.

Students enrolling at the **Gold Coast campus** should note that the following core courses are only offered at Logan campus or online:

- [2024HSV Engagement with Children](#)
- [2026HSV Childhood: Early Years](#)
- [3013HSV Children and Youth](#)

This program includes one core course in trimester 3 and offers some possibilities for elective courses in trimester 2.

Distance Education

Students can enrol in the Distance Education offering of the program and **will be able to complete the program off-campus by distance learning via our online learning management system with the exception of three compulsory five-day face-to-face intensive on-campus courses.**

As a full-time Distance Education student, you will study online which may include online coursework, readings, research, discussions and other course related study. You should check the minimum computer specifications for studying online before considering applying for the Distance Education offering of this program.

Your compulsory attendance is in the form of one five-day intensive course per year held at the Gold Coast campus as follows:

- Year 1 - [1008HSV Interpersonal Skills](#) (offered in T3 only)
- Year 2 - [2027HSV Group Facilitation](#) (offered in T3 only)
- Year 3 - [3020HSV Counselling Individuals and Families](#) (offered in T1 only)

Domestic students studying off-shore outside Australia will be required to attend the compulsory face-to-face intensives on-campus in Australia as part of designated courses in accordance with professional accreditation requirements.

Advanced Diploma pathway

The 80 credit points of courses in this pathway are available only in off-campus online mode.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life. In this program you will spend 100 days in the work/professional environment.

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- In Year 2, you are required to undertake unpaid professional practice which requires part-time attendance at a workplace with children (6-18 years) on one occasion for 30 days.
- In Year 3, you are required to undertake 40 days unpaid professional practice which requires full time attendance at a human service organisation over this trimester.

On-campus students: Some placements may be outside of the Brisbane metropolitan/Logan/Gold Coast areas.

Distance Education students: Placements will be negotiated accordingly.

My career opportunities

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You will be qualified to lead child and family programs in the early years' health and community services sector. You will also be qualified for positions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, child and family welfare, child protection and child safety services, community-based organisations, community development, family support services, foster care services, services for women, welfare organisations, and policy and research.

Program accreditation

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The **on-campus offering** of the Bachelor of Child and Family Studies is accredited by the **Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA)**. ACWA accreditation for the **distance education offering** of this program is currently being sought.

Professional recognition

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Graduates of the **on-campus offering** of this program will be eligible to apply for registration with the **Australian Community Workers Association (ACWA)** subject to meeting any additional requirements that may be stipulated by the ACWA. As these requirements may change from time to time, students should contact the ACWA to confirm registration requirements.

This program is recognised by the **Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)**. The National Quality Framework (NQF) sets out the minimum qualification requirements for educators working in children's education and care services.

Placement requirements

Professional Practice requirements

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the **Health Placement Support Hub** for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

If you are living in a remote or rural area, you may be expected to travel to a professional placement and this may also incur accommodation and living expenses to you. A Griffith University Placement Officer will work with you to find a suitable local placement however, this cannot always be guaranteed. Domestic students studying off-shore outside Australia can complete the placement (by negotiation) interstate or overseas.

Pathways to further study

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Advanced Diploma pathway

Students who complete the first phase of this pathway will be awarded the Bachelor of Child and Family Studies. These students may then be eligible to apply for entry to the Master of Primary Teaching.

Additionally as is the case with all Bachelor of Child and Family Studies students, these students will be eligible for entry into the Master of Human Services and the Master of Social Work.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - [3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students \(Non-international\)](#)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)