

EDUCATION CAREER SNAPSHOT

Study Opportunities

Considering studying Education at JCU? Then check out

[Teaching and Education - JCU Australia](#)

Clarify your study goals.

Prepare yourself for the new world of work by exploring the careers that match your skills and interests.

[The Good Careers Guide](#)

Graduate Opportunities

JCU offers a range of undergraduate and post graduate Education degrees.

[Bachelor of Education \(Early Childhood Education\)](#) – four-year undergraduate program which qualifies graduates to work with children aged from birth to eight, leading to work in schools, preschools, kindergartens and childcare centres.

The [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#) – a four-year undergraduate program and the [Master of Teaching and Learning \(Primary\)](#) – a two year post graduate program, qualify graduates to work with students in Years 1 – 6.

The [Bachelor of Education \(Secondary\)](#) – a four-year undergraduate program and [Master of Teaching and Learning \(Secondary\)](#) – two year post graduate program, qualify graduates to work with students in Years 7 – 12.

JCU's education degrees are recognized throughout Australia and internationally. Employers across Australia regularly contact JCU requesting to interview graduating education students.

Graduates work in government, independent and Catholic schools as well as overseas.

JCU Graduate Outcomes

The Australian Government [ComparED](#) site provides graduate outcome information for the JCU Education degrees and all other Australian Teacher Education programs.

The [Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020-2022](#) reported the following findings.

Graduate Employment Teacher Education (undergraduate)

	James Cook University	National Average
Full-time employment	80.1% 115 responses	82.1%
Overall employment	91.5% 194 responses	91.6%
Full-time study	0.7% 169 responses	9.2%

Retrieved [ComparED](#), 15 January 2024

Explore more about our Labour markets.

[Jobs and Skills Australia -- Home](#)

JCU Alumni Career Paths

From the JCU alumni (graduates) have LinkedIn data, of these alumni, 316 are working in Education, 63 Health Care, 63 Business Development, 58 in Community and Social Services, and 35 in Human Resources. (Source [JCU LinkedIn](#) January 2024)

Investigate the alumni listed on the [James Cook University LinkedIn](#) page to identify career pathways, including job titles and current and past employers of JCU education graduates.

Registration

All JCU Education degrees are nationally accredited through the **Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)** in association with the **Queensland College of Teachers (QCT)**.

Graduates of JCU Education degrees have demonstrated achievement of the graduate level of the **Australian Professional Standards** and are eligible for **provisional teacher registration in Australia**.

The Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) is also fully accredited with the [Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority \(ACECQA\)](#).

Graduates are eligible for employment in the early childhood area (0-8 years) as an educator or service provider.

Visit the [AITSL](#) website to access all State and Territory Australian teacher regulatory authorities.

Provisional registration QLD

The [Queensland College of Teachers \(QCT\)](#) grants provisional registration to recent teacher education graduates.

Full teacher registration QLD

Full teacher registration is granted on: completion of one year of full time classroom practice or the part-time equivalent; successful demonstration of the [professional standards](#) for full registration and completion of a provisional to full recommendation report. ([QCT](#) December 2022)

Further information

- [Provisional registration fact sheet](#)
- [Applying for teacher registration in Queensland fact sheet](#)
- [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers \(QLD version\)](#)

Work Placements

The JCU Education programs place a strong emphasis on **professional practice experience and skill development**.

JCU coordinate Work placements that give you the opportunity to develop your skills with extensive hands on experience. You will need to be prepared and available for these blocks of practice teaching time.

In addition to your Placements, it is recommended you actively **seek further education related experience** (e.g., Outside school hours care, coaching, tutoring) to further develop your skills, expand your professional networks and demonstrate commitment to your future profession.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOR INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION (LANTITE)

Successful completion of the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (LANTITE) is an expected requirement of the Australian Ministers for Education for all graduates. As a course completion requirement, all students enrolled in an initial teacher education course (either undergraduate or postgraduate) will be expected to sit and meet the test standard prior to graduation. As a course progression requisite, PST/GSTs enrolled in an ITE program at JCU from 2021 onwards must successfully complete LANTITE before commencing the final Professional Experience Placement. Seek support from Student [Support - JCU Australia](#)

Professional Development

Seek additional professional development presented through your university studies and placements to gain extra knowledge and skills and demonstrate commitment to ongoing learning in your profession.

Keep a record of your attendance for use in job applications.

Access PD opportunities offered through the [Professional Development Portal](#) on the QCT website.

Volunteering

Volunteering is an opportunity to give to the community, grow your professional and community networks and demonstrate extra commitment to your future profession.

- Volunteer for opportunities presented through your placements
- Become a [Student Mentor](#)
- Be involved in a local group e.g., committee member of sporting clubs, service clubs etc.

Community volunteering opportunities are advertised through:

- [FNQ Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- [Townsville Community Directory - volunteering](#)
- [Cairns Community Directory - volunteering](#)

Job Opportunities

The following online job boards provide information on job opportunities and employer expectations.

It is recommended that you work towards ensuring you have the skills, knowledge and experience listed in these job advertisements, to be competitive when entering the graduate labour market.

- [Teach.qld.gov.au](#)
- [Queensland Catholic Education](#)
- [Independent Schools QLD](#)
- [Steiner Education Australia](#)
- [Teachers.on.net](#)
- [Seek](#)
- [SmartJobs](#)
- [JCU CareerHub](#)
- [LinkedIn Jobs](#)
- [CareerOne](#)

Employers' websites, LinkedIn and social media accounts also provide information on job opportunities and current topics of interest for education professionals.

E.g., [Education Queensland Jobs LinkedIn](#)

Careers outside the classroom

JCU education degrees equip graduates with a skill set to work outside of the schooling system in areas including*:

- Education management or technology (e.g. [Educational Learning or Instructional Designers](#))
- Government departments
- Corporate training
- Community development
- Registered Training Organisations
- Tutoring Services
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

* Further study/training may be required

Graduate Programs

You may choose to apply for (non-teaching) Graduate Programs. These programs are paid, structured professional development positions offered by large organisations and government departments.

Successful applicants are provided on the job training and mentoring within the organization.

Candidates are usually recruited throughout their final year of study for commencement in the following year.

Graduate Programs are advertised through employer websites and social media e.g.

- [Australian Government Graduate Programs](#),
- [Queensland Government Graduate Portal](#) and other state government graduate portals

and through the graduate recruitment sites:

- [Prospire](#)
- [GradConnection](#)

JCU Careers Resources

As a student, consider accessing JCU Careers resources and be job ready by developing your Employability skills.

[Careers and Employability - JCU Australia](#)

Build your employability skills and fine tune your Application Skills

- Resumes
- Application Documents
- Interviews
- LinkedIn

For further ideas access [Career Ready Plan](#)

