

EDUCATION CAREER SNAPSHOT

Early Childhood (Pre-Primary School) Teachers



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Education

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.

Bachelor of Education (Primary) – four-year undergraduate program and **Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary)** – a two year post graduate program. Both qualify graduates to work with students in Years 1 – 6.

Bachelor of Education (Secondary) – four-year undergraduate program and **Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary)** – two year post graduate program.

Both programs qualify graduates to work with students in Years 7 – 12.

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

Graduates work in government, independent and Catholic schools as well as overseas. (Source: [JCU](#), 18 March 2021)

Graduate Outcomes

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

Graduate Employment Teacher Education (undergraduate)

	James Cook University	National Average
Full-time employment	87.3% 157 responses	81.6%
Overall employment	95.6% 206 responses	92.5%
Full-time study	2.2% 184 responses	6.7%
Median starting salary	\$67,400 91 responses	\$67,800

Source: [Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018-2020](#), Source: [ComparED, 2021](#)



BOOST YOUR PROSPECTS



Explore your options, clarify your career goals



Build your networks



Gain course relevant experience



Fine tune your job application skills



Show initiative, engage in extra-curricular activities and stand out

For further ideas access [JCU Job Ready](#)

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)** and 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](#) 18 March 2021)

Further information

- [Provisional registration fact sheet](#)
- [Applying for teacher registration fact sheet](#)

- [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers \(QLD version\)](#)

Job Opportunities

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

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

Employers' websites, Facebook pages, LinkedIn accounts and twitter feeds also provide information on job opportunities and current topics of interest for education professionals. E.g. [Education Queensland Jobs LinkedIn](#)

JCU LinkedIn Page

Investigate [JCU LinkedIn Alumni](#) profiles to identify career pathways and current and past employers of JCU education graduates.

Alternative Career Options

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
- [Cross-cultural 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 structured professional development positions offered by large organisations and government departments. Candidates are usually recruited throughout their final year of study for commencement in the following year.

Programs are advertised through employer websites and social media

accounts and via online job boards and graduate recruitment directories:

- [GradAustralia](#)
- [GradConnection](#)
- [Queensland Government Graduate Portal](#)
- [APS Jobs Graduate Programs](#)

Relevant Experience

The JCU Education programs place a strong emphasis on **professional practice experience and skill development**. Maximise every opportunity presented in your degree to develop your skills, knowledge, and expertise.

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

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. sporting clubs, service clubs etc.

Community volunteering opportunities are advertised through:

- [FNQ Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- [Townsville Community Information Centre Community Directory](#)
- [Cairns Regional Council Community Directory](#)

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.