









# EDUCATION – CAREER SNAPSHOT

## Early Childhood (Pre-Primary School) Teachers

Fast Facts	
	\$1,019 Weekly Pay ?
	47,000 workers Employment Size ?
	Very strong Future Growth ?
	Very high skill Skill level rating ?
	Lower unemployment Unemployment ?





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## Primary School Teachers

Fast Facts	
	\$1,350 Weekly Pay ?
	155,100 workers Employment Size ?
	Moderate Future Growth ?
	Very high skill Skill level rating ?
	Lower unemployment Unemployment ?

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## Secondary School Teachers

Fast Facts	
	\$1,500 Weekly Pay ?
	133,200 workers Employment Size ?
	Moderate Future Growth ?
	Very high skill Skill level rating ?
	Lower unemployment Unemployment ?

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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. Many teach in Europe, the United Kingdom, Asia and North

America. Employment prospects in Northern Queensland are excellent due to the current shortage of teachers across the region. (Source: [JCU](#) 30 July 2018)

## Graduate Outcomes

The [Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching \(QILT\)](#) site provides graduate outcome information for the JCU Education degrees and all other Australian Teacher Education programs.

Graduate Employment Undergraduate Teacher Education		
	James Cook University	National Average
Full-time employment	89.1% 147 responses	77.5%
Overall employment	93.5% 186 responses	94%
Full-time study	5.4% 184 responses	7.4%
Median starting salary	\$60,000 107 responses	\$62,000

Data source: Graduate Destinations Survey 2015 and Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016-2017

## Graduate Employment Postgraduate Coursework Teacher Education

	James Cook University	National Average
Full-time employment	86.7% 135 responses	80.5%
Overall employment	95.5% 157 responses	93.3%
Full-time study	4.3% 161 responses	5.5%
Median starting salary	\$67,000 102 responses	\$72,000

Data source: Graduate Destinations Survey 2015 and Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016-2017

Source: [QILT](#) 31 July 2018

## 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**.

(JCU 31 July 2018)

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

Education students are recommended to be knowledgeable of the requirements for registration with the regulatory authority of the State or Territory they intend to teach in. Check the [AITSL](#) website to access all 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 30 July 2018)

#### Further information

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

## Job Opportunities

Online job boards provide information on job opportunities and expectations.

- [teach.qld.gov.au](#)
- [SmartJobs](#)
- [Catholic Education](#)
- [Independent Schools QLD](#)
- [Steiner Education](#)
- [Teachers.on.net](#)
- [Catholic Early Learning and Care](#)
- [Seek](#)
- [JCU Careerhub](#)
- [CareerOne](#)

facebook

LinkedIn

Employers' websites, Facebook pages, LinkedIn accounts and twitter feeds provide information on job opportunities and current topics of interest for education professionals.

- [Education Queensland Jobs LinkedIn](#)

#### JCU Alumni LinkedIn Page

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

#### Develop your own LinkedIn profile

to ensure you maintain a professional online presence.

## Alternative Career Options

JCU education degrees equip graduates to work outside of classroom teaching in roles\* in:

- Education management or technology
- Government departments
- Corporate training
- Community development
- Universities
- Registered Training Organisations
- Governess/Live-in teacher
- Tutoring Services
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

\* Further study/training may be required

#### Graduate Programs

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

Students are usually recruited throughout their final year of study for commencement of employment 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](#)
- [Graduate Opportunities](#)
- [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**. Maximize 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. Many employers value volunteer work.

- Volunteer for opportunities presented through your degree and placements
- Become a **Student Mentor**
- Be involved in a local group e.g. hobbies, interests, charities, sporting clubs, service clubs etc.

Community volunteering opportunities are advertised through:

- [FNQ Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- [Townsville City Council Community Directory](#)
- [Cairns City 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 graduate job applications.

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



**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 the [JCU Career Action Plan](#)