
FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Master of Arts in Child and Family Education

Programme leaflet for entry in 2026/27

Programme code MACFE

The Education University of Hong Kong

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At a glance

Programme	Master of Arts in Child and Family Education
Programme code	MACFE
Faculty	Education and Human Development
Intended for	Local applicants; Non-local applicants; Serving teachers and education professionals
Entry	September 2026
Medium of instruction	English, with selected courses offered in Chinese
Campus	Tai Po campus, The Education University of Hong Kong

The Master of Arts in Child and Family Education is a taught postgraduate programme for practitioners and graduates who wish to deepen their understanding of how young children develop within the family, and of the ways in which schools, kindergartens and community services can work alongside parents to support that development. It suits kindergarten and primary teachers, social workers, family service practitioners, and graduates of related disciplines who intend to specialise in child and family education, whether in a teaching, counselling, administrative or policy role.

Structure and Duration

The programme is offered on a part-time basis over two years, with a full-time mode of one year available to students who are able to commit to daytime study. Part-time classes are held in the evenings and on Saturdays to accommodate serving teachers and practitioners. The programme carries a total of 30 credit points, made up of core courses, elective courses and a capstone project or dissertation. Most students take two to three courses per term, attending seminars and workshops rather than large lectures.

What You Will Study

- Child development and learning in family and community contexts
- Family-school partnership and parent education
- Early childhood curriculum and pedagogy
- Special educational needs and inclusive practice in early years
- Family diversity, wellbeing and support services
- Research methods for child and family education
- A capstone project or dissertation on a topic of the student's choice

Entry Requirements

- A recognised bachelor's degree, or an equivalent qualification accepted by the University
- Relevant experience in early childhood education, family service or a related field is an advantage but

not required for all applicants

- A satisfactory standard of English, as specified in the general admission requirements of the University
- Applicants whose first degree is in an unrelated discipline may be asked to attend an interview

Career Prospects

Graduates typically continue or advance their careers as kindergarten and primary teachers, early childhood centre leaders, family service and social work practitioners, curriculum developers, or education officers in government and non-governmental organisations. The qualification is also a common step for practitioners who wish to move into supervisory, training or policy-related positions within the child and family sector.

Remarks: Programme details, including course content, mode of delivery and intake arrangements, are subject to approval by the University's academic bodies and may be revised from time to time. The University reserves the right to amend, suspend or discontinue the programme.

How to apply

- Applications open in the autumn preceding entry and are made online through the University admissions system.
- Applicants supply academic transcripts, evidence of language proficiency where required, and the names of two referees.
- Shortlisted applicants are invited to an interview, held on campus or online, between January and April.
- Offers are issued on a rolling basis. Applicants are advised to apply early, as places in popular specialisations fill before the closing date.

Apply online at <https://www.eduhk.hk/macfe>.

Fees, scholarships and support

Tuition fees for 2026/27 are published by the Registry and are confirmed in the offer letter. Entrance scholarships are awarded on academic merit and do not require a separate application. Need-based financial assistance, including government schemes for local students, is administered by the University Student Affairs Office.

Contact

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This leaflet is a summary prepared for prospective applicants. Programme structure, course lists and fees are reviewed annually; the programme document and the admissions pages carry the authoritative version for the year of entry.