

# EDUCATION

- DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
- DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION **SPECIAL FEATURE**
- BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION **SPECIAL FEATURE**
- MASTER OF EDUCATION (TEACHING & LEARNING)
- DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION





## OUR MISSION

To help people succeed in life and to live a life of significance through education

## OUR VISION

- To be a university with a strong culture of quality and leadership that focuses on sound academic standards, continuous improvements, and the talent development of students and staff
- To be a university that offers a learning experience that enhances career development, lifetime values and personal fulfilment
- To be a university with a strong research focus in our key areas of excellence
- To be a university that shares our success with the stakeholders and communities we serve

## OUR VALUES

- Pride of Achievement
- Sharing Success
- The Courage to Be
- To be Compassionate
- To be Significant

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Welcome to the Department of Education. As the HOD, it is my privilege to extend a hand of greeting and invite you to be part of our vibrant and dynamic community that is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, learning and research.

At the Department of Education, we believe in the transformative power of education. Our mission is to prepare educators, leaders and entrepreneurs who are equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills and values in order to positively impact diverse educational settings. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where innovation and creativity thrive.

Our department members are renowned scholars who are passionate about their fields of expertise. They are dedicated practitioners who provide high-quality education and mentorship, ensuring that our students are well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Our programmes are designed to be rigorous and relevant, incorporating the latest and best practices in education.

We offer a wide range of undergraduate, graduate and professional development programmes that cater to diverse needs and aspirations. Regardless of if you are at the stage of embarking on your journey to become an educator or at the point of your career where you are seeking for professional advancement; we have a programme that will help you achieve your goals.

In addition to our academic programmes, we also collaborate with local and international schools, communities and educational organisations. These partnerships provide our students with invaluable hands-on experiences and opportunities to engage in meaningful research and educational projects.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our core values of equity, diversity, and inclusion. We strive to create a learning environment where every individual feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential.

Thank you for being part of the Department of Education community. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of learners and contribute to a better and more equitable world.

Warm regards,

**Ms Rosalind Ahju**  
**Head of Department, Faculty of Education**



# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

If you are passionate about working with young children, Early Childhood Education (ECE) is the right programme for you. ECE involves both formal and informal education, and engages young children from birth to 6 years old with learning that is fundamental to the holistic development of the child.

HELP University's Early Childhood Education programme aims to develop graduates who will be visionary leaders in early childhood settings.

The Educator-Carer from HELP University acquires knowledge and understanding, skills and strategies, attitudes and values in the following distinctive Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) domains.

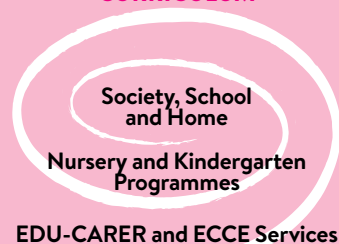
- Child Development
- Curriculum and Learning Environment
- Administration and Management
- Families and the Community
- Professional Development

## ENTREPRENEURIAL LEARNING IN ECE

A significant feature of the ECE programmes is to train students to be future entrepreneurs in the early childhood industry. Equipped with relevant business skills and knowledge to set up businesses, students will play significant roles toward providing access to quality education, lifelong learning and the overall wellbeing of young children.



### SPIRAL DIAGRAM: SPIRAL AND INTEGRATED ECE CURRICULUM



## THE HELP DIPLOMA IN ECE (DECE) AND BACHELOR OF ECE (BECE) CURRICULUM

HELP University offers systematic and comprehensive Diploma and Bachelor degrees in Early Childhood Education. Our programmes are fully accredited and recognised by the MQA (Malaysian Qualifications Agency) and comply with the Malaysian Qualifications Framework. The scope and content of the programmes are spiral and integrated.

Educator-Carers begin their ECE studies with a broad appraisal of the ECCE knowledge base and progressively become qualified through practical experiences in Nurseries and Kindergartens. They eventually become certified to work with young children in homes, schools and various societal settings.

## PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

The classes are conducted via various teaching and learning styles such as blended learning, face-to-face tutorial, project-based learning, small and large group discussions, field trips, instructional games, and oral presentations. With such active learning and learner-centred pedagogical approaches, students are given the freedom and ownership in their learning. This will motivate them to a higher level of achievement.

## 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM

The 21st century classrooms in HELP University are equipped with the latest hardware, software and a centralised control system to create a comfortable and safe learning environment conducive for meaningful communication and collaboration. As a result, students will be able to brainstorm and discuss critical issues as well as generate novel ideas.

## DIVERSITY IN LEARNING

HELP University is home to international students from countries such as Japan, South Korea, China and Brunei. Therefore, students can experience an international learning environment. This contributes to their awareness and understanding of other cultures as well as an appreciation of other points of view. It contributes to students' ability to adapt to the global work environment.

## ACADEMIC TEAM

The academic team is a good mix of local and international lecturers who bring with them a wealth of practical experience and expertise in research in early childhood education.

# EXTERNAL LINKS

The link between the Department of Education and HELP International School (HIS) provides an opportunity for all our students in the Faculty to observe and directly experience learning in an international school setting through interactions with the teaching faculty of the school and participating in research projects involving the school and the Department.



Established network with HIS allows graduates to gain empowering practicum experiences and possible employment opportunities.



Students are given an opportunity to observe classes at HIS.



Research collaboration between faculty members and teachers at HIS enhance evidence based practice and learning.



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International Primary Curriculum (IPC) is a comprehensive, thematic, creative curriculum with a clear process of learning and specific learning goals for every subject. It also develops international mindedness and encourages personal learning.



A research-led education programme supported by **HELP UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES, EDUCATION & LANGUAGES**



# DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

(R2/143/4/0055) (06/28) (MQA/FA2145)

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The programme is a study of 28 courses:

- 19 Core Major
- 2 Electives
- 2 Practicum
- 5 MQA – MPU Compulsory Subjects

## STUDY LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates can apply for PTPTN Loan, EPF withdrawal, HELP University Merit scholarship and bursaries.

## DECE TRANSITS TO BECE

DECE qualified and certified Educator-Carers are eligible for direct admission into the 2nd year of the BECE (Hons) Programme.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- SPM or SPMV or MCE with a minimum of three credits
- Other equivalent qualification as approved by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) candidates without SPM or MCE have one pathway, approved by MQA
- Qualifying test on BM, English and Mathematics; i.e. the APEL pathway created by MQA
- \* Refer to MQA Current Status. Mature senior candidates with acceptable ECCE qualification, who fulfil the minimum requirements are eligible to apply for advanced standing.

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENT (International students)

- IELTS Band 5.0 or
- TOEFL iBT 40 or
- MUET Band 3.5 or
- Pearson Test of English 47 or
- Cambridge English (Linguaskill) 154

## INTAKES

January, May, August

## YEAR 1

- DECE 1013 Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood
- DECE 1023 Child Development
- DECE 1034 Children and Play
- DECE 1044 Observation and Assessment of Young Children
- DECE 1053 Academic English for Early Childhood Educators
- DECE 1063 ICT and Multimedia
- DECE 1074 Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children
- DECE 1084 Visual Arts
- DECE 1094 Music, Movement and Drama for Young Children
- DECE 1104 Early Mathematics
- DECE 1114 Social Studies and Environment
- DECE 1124 Physical Education and Wellness

## YEAR 2

- DECE 2013 Language and Early Literacy
- DECE 2024 Early Science and Technology
- DECE 2033 Teaching Young Children BM (compulsory for Malaysian)
- DECE 2043 Teaching Young Children English (compulsory for Internationals)
- DECE 2053 Curriculum Planning and Program Development
- DECE 2083 Introduction to Special Education
- DECE 2113 Families and Community
- DECE 2144 Foundation of Early Childhood Business and Entrepreneurship

## PRACTICUM

- DECE 3013 Practicum I (TASKA)
- DECE 3023 Practicum II (TADIKAN)

## 2 ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

- DECE 2063 Guiding Young Children's Behaviours
- DECE 2073 Environments in Early Childhood Setting
- DECE 2123 Ethics and Professionalism for Early Childhood Professional
- DECE 2133 Managing Early Childhood Settings

## MPU

### MPU1

- MPU 2192 Philosophy and Contemporary Issues (Malaysian) /
- MPU2132 Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 1 (Non-Malaysian)

### MPU 2 / MPU 3

- MPU2212 Bahasa Kebangsaan A (Malaysian without SPM Bahasa Credit) /
- MPU2382 Integrity and Anti-Corruption Course (Malaysian with SPM Bahasa Credit & Non-Malaysian)

### MPU 4

- MPU2412 Co-Curriculum- Sport 1 /
- MPU2422 Co-Curriculum- Community Service 1
- GEN2513 Communication 1
- HGA101 Discovering Oneself

# DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

(N/0113/4/0003) (11/24) (MQA/FA12317)

HELP University started the Diploma in Education programme in January 2020. The aim of this programme is to provide learners with broad-based knowledge and skills related to education developments, best practices, theories, technology, and pedagogical content knowledge in teaching and learning for prospective teachers involved at the preschool and primary school levels.

Learners are expected to develop good pedagogical skills in classroom teaching and learning environments with an emphasis on practical methodologies, content, general pedagogy, and instructional technology needed to excel in a 21st century and IR 4.0 learning context.

The Diploma in Education programme prepares learners to apply broad-based knowledge of teaching and learning, higher order thinking, and reasoning skills in varied educational settings. This course equips learners with mastery in pedagogical content knowledge, incorporates soft-skill development and helps the learner contribute professionally in different learning environment.

In addition, learners are expected to acquire classroom management and leadership skills besides being trained in student counselling and guidance of young children.

## DURATION

2½ year / 2 years 1 sem

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

The programme is a study of 27 courses @ 90 credit hours:

- 22 Core Major
- 2 Electives
- 1 Practicum
- 5 HEP/MQA – MPU Compulsory Subjects

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- **SPM** or **SPMV** or **MCE** with a minimum of three credits
- Other equivalent qualification as approved by the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA)
- Candidates without SPM or MCE have one pathway, approved by MQA
- Qualifying test on BM, English and Mathematics; i.e. the APEL route created by MQA

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENT (International students)

- IELTS Band 4 or
- MUET Band 2

## INTAKES

January, May, August

## PATHWAY

Graduates of the Diploma in Education Programme can proceed to continue their studies in the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education programme at HELP University.

## YEAR 1

DEDU 1103	History and Philosophy of Education
DEDU 1023	Psychology of Education
DEDU 1013	Theories and Practice of teaching and learning
DEDU 1033	Computer Literacy Skills
DEDU 1073	Curriculum Planning
DEDU 1043	Child and Adolescent development
DEDU 1093	Mental Health and Group Dynamics
DEDU1102	Study Skills
DEDU 1063	Teaching Language Arts
DEDU 2063	Instructional Design
DEDU 2033	Teaching with Technology

## YEAR 2

DEDU 2023	Social Studies and Environmental Studies
DEDU 2073	Sociology of Education
DEDU2103	Teaching Methods and Strategies
DEDU 2093	Effective Classroom Management
DEDU 2053	Physical and Health Education
DEDU 2013	Mathematics and Science Skills
DEDU 3013	Educational Assessment
DEDU 3033	Educational Management and Leadership
DEDU 3053	Development of Malaysian Education
DEDU 3023	Professional Development
DEDU 3043	Critical Thinking

## ELECTIVES (CHOOSE 2)

DEDU 2083	Music and Movement in Education
DEDU2113	Special Needs Education
DEDU 1083	Art and Craft Skills
DEDU1053	Health and Physical Skills

## PRACTICUM

DEDU 3068	Teaching Practicum
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## MPU

### MPU1

MPU 2192	Philosophy and Contemporary Issues (Malaysian) /
MPU2132	Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 1 (Non-Malaysian)

### MPU 2 / MPU 3

MPU2212	Bahasa Kebangsaan A (Malaysian without SPM Bahasa Credit) /
MPU2382	Integrity and Anti-Corruption Course (Malaysian with SPM Bahasa Credit & Non-Malaysian)

### MPU 4

MPU2412	Co-Curriculum- Sport 1 /
MPU2422	Co-Curriculum- Community Service 1
GEN2513	Communication 1
HGA101	Discovering Oneself



# BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (HONS)

(R2/143/6/0085) (05/27) (A10104)



## PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD GRADUATE

HELP's Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Hons) is aimed at allowing our early childhood specialists to foster a wide range of competencies that cover the development of the young child from birth to junior primary levels.

### PROGRAMME DETAILS

The contents of the study fulfil the minimum 121 credit hours comprising 36 subjects.

- 24 Major ECE Courses
- 4 ECE Electives
- 2 Workplace Practicums in Nursery and Kindergarten respectively
- 4 MPU Courses
- 2 HGA Courses



## DELIVERY AND ASSESSMENT MODES

The programme uses the blended learning approach with the combination of face-to-face classes and online classes. The programme focuses on student centred learning. Hence a wide variety of learning experiences, instructional approaches, and academic support strategies that are intended to address the distinct interests and aspirations of students are used.

The range of assessment modes is aligned to achieve the main outcome of the BECE (Hons) programme, which is the qualified status of the educator and carer of young children. The type of assessments consist of formative assessment that includes assignments and quizzes and summative assessment that includes final examination.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Foundation in Arts or Science** or equivalent
- **STPM/A-Level** passes in 2 subjects or with CGPA of 2.00
- **Unified Examination Certificate (UEC)** with a minimum B grade in 5 subjects
- **5 CPU (Canadian Pre-University)** passes with a minimum of 50%
- **SAM (South Australian Matriculation) / TEE (Tertiary Entrance Education)** with a university aggregate of 50%
- Minimum of 24 scores in the **International Baccalaureate**.
- **Victorian Certificate of Education** with a minimum average of 50%
- Other equivalent qualifications approved/ accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency

### English Requirement (International students)

- IELTS Band 5.0 or
- TOEFL iBT 40 or
- MUET Band 3.5 or
- Pearson Test of English 47 or
- Cambridge English (Linguaskill) 154

## INTAKES

January, May, August

### YEAR 1

BECE 1013	Growth and Development for Early Childhood
BECE 1123	Foundation of Early Childhood Care and Education
BECE 1024	Children and Play
BECE 1044	Health, Safety and Nutrition for Young Children
BECE 1074	Art and Craft
BECE 1064	Young Children's Literature
BECE 1084	Music and Movement in Early Childhood
BECE 1094	Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood
BECE 1133	Foundation of Early Childhood Business and Entrepreneurship
BECE 1143	Curriculum Planning & Programme Development

### YEAR 2

BECE 1103	Managing Young Children's Behaviours
BECE 2024	Social and Environment Studies in Early Childhood
BECE2034	Science and Technology in Early Childhood
BECE 2044	Mathematics in Early Childhood
BECE 2054	Teaching Young Children English
BECE 2103	Teaching Young Children Bahasa Malaysia
BECE 2094	Special Need in Early Childhood Education
BECE 2124	Physical and Health Education in Early Childhood
BECE 3014	Research Methodology in Early Childhood

### YEAR 3

BECE 3054	Practicum 1: Nursery Experience
BECE 2114	Children's Theatre
BECE 3023	Families, Community and Society
BECE 3034	Early Childhood Entrepreneurship and Management
BECE 3064	Practicum 2: Kindergarten Practice
BECE 3074	Issues, Ethics and Professionalism in Early Childhood Education
BECE 3084	Early Childhood Research Project

### ELECTIVES

- Elective 1
- Elective 2
- Open Elective

### MPU

#### MPU1

MPU3182	Penghayatan Etika dan Peradaban (Malaysian)
MPU3192	Falsafah dan Isu Semasa (Malaysian & Non-Malaysian)
MPU3142	Malay language for Communication (Non-Malaysian)

#### MPU2 / MPU3

MPU3212	Bahasa Kebangsaan A (Malaysian without SPM Bahasa Credit)
MPU3382	Kursus Integriti dan Anti Rasuah (KIAR) (Malaysian with SPM Bahasa Credit & Non-Malaysian)

#### MPU4

MPU3412	Co-curriculum - Sports 2 /
MPU3432	Co-curriculum - Event Management 2
GEN3513	Communication and Leadership Skills

#### HELP Graduate Attribute (HGA)

HGA101	Discovering Oneself
HGA201	Engaging the World



# MASTER OF EDUCATION (TEACHING AND LEARNING)

(N/141/7/0069) (04/29) (MQA/FA8168)



The Master of Education (Teaching and Learning) is focused on providing a platform for teachers, aspiring teachers and other educational professionals to consider, reflect on and change what they do in all activities related to teaching and learning.

Those who complete the postgraduate degree will develop a strong foundation as reflective practitioners. They will demonstrate growth as caring professionals who skilfully apply current theories and research to their pedagogical practices.

Career prospects upon completion of the programme include Heads of Departments, Programme Directors, Academic Advisors, Curriculum Designers, Higher Education Lecturers, Trainers, Teachers, Tutors and School Administrators.

## KEY FEATURES

Modular mode

## DURATION

From 2 years (full-time) to 4 years (part-time) leading to the HELP Master of Education (Teaching and Learning) degree.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENT

- A bachelor's degree from a recognized university with CGPA 2.5 and above or equivalent, approved by the Senate
- Foreign students are required to possess IELTS 5.0 or equivalent in addition to CGPA 2.5.
- Non-education graduates are required to have one year teaching experience, in addition to a minimum CGPA 2.5.
- Non-education graduates with less than one year teaching experience are required to attend a bridge module to prepare them for the MEd (TL) programme.

## INTAKES

January, April, July, October

## MODULES

### CORE MODULES (Compulsory)

MED 6013	Foundations of Education
MED 6023	Curriculum Development
MED 6033	Instructional Media in Teaching and Learning
MED 6084	Educational Research Methodology
MED 6133	Project Based Learning
MED 6144	Assessment and Evaluation in Education
MED 6154	Interaction and Facilitating Skills in Educational Contexts
MED 6164	Strategies for Teaching and Learning

### ELECTIVES (Choose One)

MED 6153	Educational Management and Leadership
MED 6163	Technology and Educational Innovations
MED 6173	Theatre Arts in Educational Contexts

### TEACHING SUBJECTS (Choose One)

MED 6093	Teaching of Language and Literature
MED 6103	Teaching of Mathematics and Science
MED 6113	Teaching of Social Studies and Environment

### PRACTICUM (Compulsory – select one education setting: Primary / Secondary / Non-formal / Tertiary)

MED 6146	Practicum and Research Inquiry in Education Settings
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# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION

(N/140/8/0027) (07/27) (MQA/PA13817)

HELP University offers the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Education (Mixed-Mode) programme since August 2020. The aim of this programme is to provide learners with a comprehensive coursework cum research study. Learners will develop a deep understanding of both subject specialisation and research in one of the three disciplines, Educational Management, Early Childhood Education, and, Teaching of English as a Second Language.

As this programme is conducted on a mixed-mode basis, the first part of the programme focuses on direct instruction to facilitate the mastery of research skills and subject specialisation skills necessary to progress to the next phase of study which is the research dissertation component. With the advantage of content-mastery and research, learners will be prepared to become professional researchers cum subject-matter specialists. The expertise to be gained from this programme can be applied in a variety of job-placements such as universities, colleges, education departments, schools or any institutions offering education programmes.

During the coursework phase, learners will undergo face-to-face teaching and learning interactions with facilitators and fellow learners. The coursework phase culminates with the preparation of the Concept Paper which serves as bridge between theory and practice and prepares learners with appropriate competencies for the next phase of the study programme – the dissertation phase. Seminars and workshops will be organised from time to time to facilitate learners with knowledge and skills needed to complete their dissertations.

## DURATION

3-year programme (one year of coursework and two years of dissertation exercise)

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

The whole programme comprises a total of 80 credit hours as shown below: The coursework phase comprises 6 courses totalling 24 credit hours and the dissertation phase comprises 56 credit hours (coursework to dissertation ratio: 30:70) incorporating the following aspects:

- Two compulsory subjects;
- Two specialisation subjects;
- One elective; and
- Dissertation.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Applicant must fulfill one of the following:

- Master's degree in Education OR
- Master's degree other than Education and possess a Bachelor's degree in Education; OR
- Master's degree other than Education and possess a Diploma/Certificate in Teaching; OR
- Master's degree other than Education and possess at least 2 years of teaching experience; OR
- Master's degree other than Education and pass three (3) bridging courses offered by HELP University; OR
- Any equivalent qualifications recognised by the Malaysian Government.

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENT (International students)

- IELTS Band 5.0 Academic; or
- TOEFL 550 (Paper-Based)

## INTAKES

January, May, August

## YEAR 1

### SEMESTER 1

Compulsory Courses

- PHD 7014 Advanced Educational Research Methodology  
PHD 7024 Data Analysis in Research

### SEMESTER 2 & SEMESTER 3

Select any ONE of the THREE Subject Specialisations

#### Subject Specialisation: Educational Management

- PHD 7034 Educational Management and Leadership  
PHD 7044 Management of Educational Change

#### Subject Specialisation: Early Childhood Education

- PHD 7054 Theories and Practices of Early Childhood Education  
PHD 7064 Child Development

#### Subject Specialisation: Teaching of English as a Second Language (TESL)

- PHD 7074 Second Language Teaching Methodology and Learning  
PHD 7084 Second Language Acquisition

## ELECTIVES

The elective subject will be chosen from any one of the subject specialisations. For example, if a learner's subject specialisation is Educational Management, then the elective subject can be selected from either Early Childhood Education or Teaching of English as a Second Language.

## COMPULSORY COURSE

- PHD 7094 Concept Paper

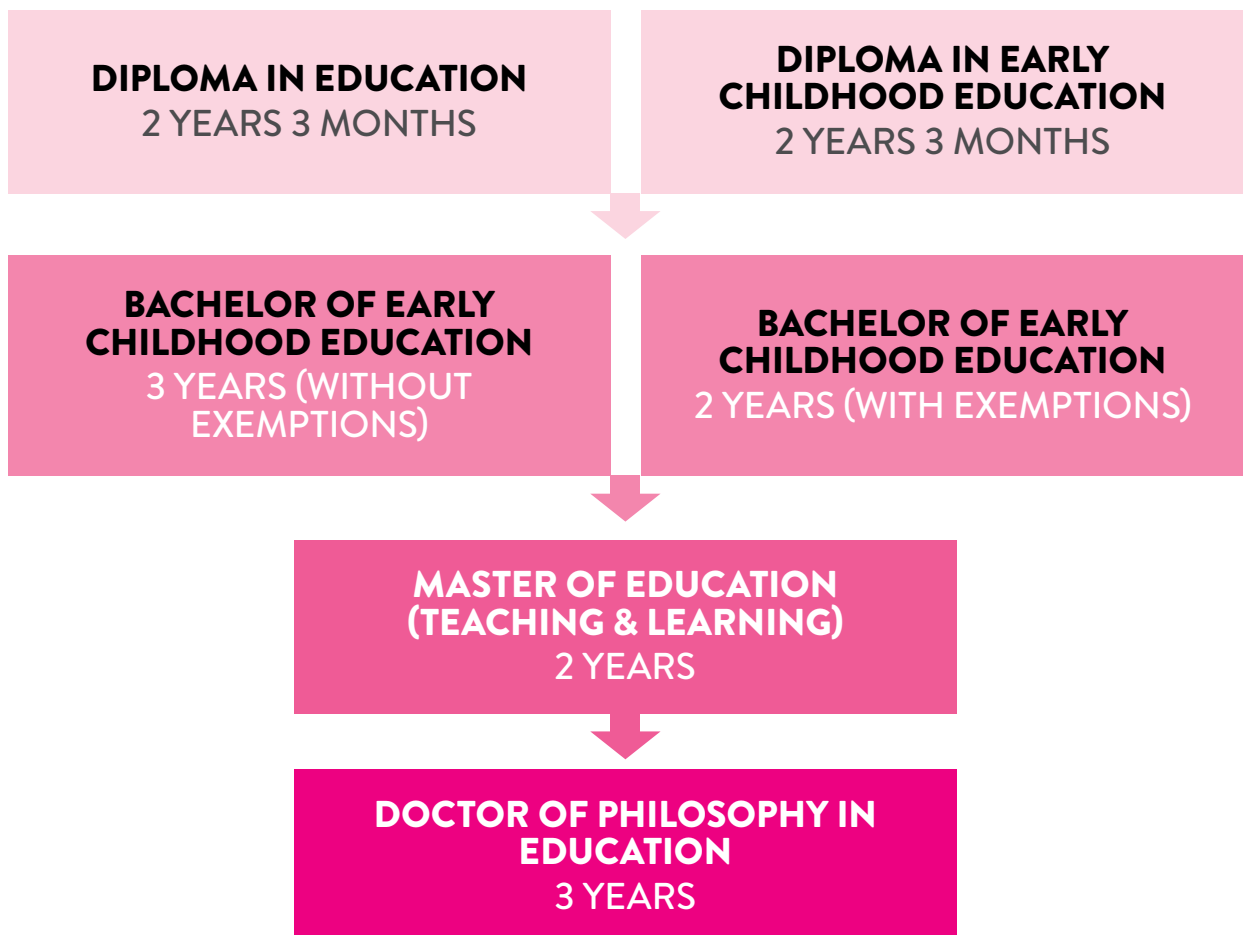
## YEAR 2

- PHD 7156 Dissertation

## YEAR 3

- PHD 7156 Dissertation

**PROGRESSION  
PATHWAY**





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### THE ECE STUDENTS COUNCIL

Every student is a member of the ECE Students Council. A wide range of activities is organised by the members, including several community services. Informal learning experiences augment the formal learning experience of the ECE programme. The elected student committee organises a variety of events, including:

- Activities during the ECCE Violence Free Week
- Collaboration with UNICEF to conduct Anti-Bullying Workshop
- Activities with the Pop-Up Stories Fan Clubs of Selangor and KL
- Participation in Orang Asli Study Camps.

### THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

The Early Childhood Extravaganza is an annual event co-organised by the students and staff of the Department of Education. This gathering has two main objectives. Firstly, it aims at enriching the values and skills of our students through event management. Secondly, it showcases to families and friends the students' learning materials that were produced throughout the academic year. The Early Childhood Extravaganza comprises storytelling sessions, an art exhibition, music and movement and a children's theatre production. Children from homes and centres are invited to spend time with us during this fun-filled occasion.

### MENTORING PROGRAMME

The ECE Students Council provides a support system to both new and continuing students. During each orientation event, the Students Council will introduce new students to the seniors. A buddy system between the senior and junior students will help the new students' transition from SPM leavers to become college students.



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1. Children's theatre production at Early Childhood Extravaganza.
2. ECCE Violence Free Week.
3. Recital with the angklung that ECE students master and teach to preschoolers.
4. Story telling using creative visual aids.

## OUR ACHIEVERS AND ALUMNI SAY...

### PROFESSIONAL QUALITIES AND EMPLOYABILITY

Our graduates exhibit unique identifiable qualities that are in demand and will secure them employment offers even before graduation, both locally and abroad. We have graduates who are employed in countries such as Brunei, Vietnam, Singapore and Switzerland. Our established network with industrial partners allows students to gain essential internship experiences and immediate employment opportunities.

Our HELP graduates have earned the following accolades from our industrial partners:

- Mastery of the integrated, thematic, integrated curriculum
- Adherence to educational principles of best practice as the workplace code of conduct
- Adaptability to the range of ECCE settings, workplace requirements and language, cultural and social needs, and resources
- Acquisition of child advocacy skills and strategies that support and meet the growing and developmental needs of every child.

“My journey with HELP throughout the 3-4 years as a student was a very pleasant experience. Attending lectures and tutorials was among the activities I looked forward to everyday. Lecturers always delivered the topics in engaging and interesting ways. Though the assignments and assessments were often challenging, it kept me motivated and driven to complete them with my strong determination. As cliché as HELP’s favorite tagline ‘University of Achievers’ sounds, it has indeed proven itself to be very true, for it has helped me to achieve my dreams and ambitions.”

**Denise Duar Xia Shing**  
**HELP Valedictorian of 2016**  
**Bachelor of Early Childhood Education**  
**First Class Honors**



“The Bachelor (Hons) of Early Childhood Education programme at HELP University challenged me to think further about what I learnt and provided a safe place for me to ask

questions. My lecturers transformed the way I think about learning and teaching young children. I am now an advocate of encouraging my students to ask more ‘why’ questions. I have also been able to adapt and apply what I have learnt at HELP and transfer it to my current classroom practice. Studying at HELP gave me numerous opportunities to hone my skills as a leader through the Students Council. These opportunities helped me tremendously with learning soft skills that now extend beyond the classroom.”

**Emelyne Pang**  
**Pre-School Teacher, HELP International School**  
**President’s Award 2019**  
**Bachelors of Early Childhood Education**  
**First Class Honours**



“I joined HELP University’s Master in Education in Teaching and Learning in 2018 after an 18 year hiatus from studying. I expected it to be a rough ride to get back into

formal education. However, the lecturers made the transition a very smooth one. Many of the learning sessions included fresh and up-to-date theoretical input as well as practical opportunities. We were able to polish our critical thinking skills in addition to learning new methodologies. I found the content in all modules to be very useful, hands-on and meaningful for a teacher facing new challenges in this era of globalisation. Each lecturer was very approachable, helpful and had our welfare at heart and they drove us to surpass our potential. I am glad to have passed with distinction, and I owe my success to HELP University for providing excellent educational standards.”

**Audrey Koh Sui Ean**  
**SMK Majakir Papar, Sabah, Malaysia**  
**Form 6 Academic Teacher (MUET) & MUET Executive Secretary**



“It was a challenge to do the Master of Education (Teaching and Learning) (MEd TL) while working as a full-time teacher at HELP International School. I was however blessed to

have very supportive MEd TL lecturers and supervisors throughout my graduate studies.

My research supervisor guided me to be an effective teacher-researcher and helped me manage my time well. My research was selected to be presented at one of the HELP University’s Research Fest events and at one of the largest Chinese Language conferences in Singapore. The experience was awesome!

I have since been successfully accepted into the Apple Distinguished Educators family where I am able to contribute powerful ideas for improving teaching and learning worldwide.

I am truly thankful that HELP University’s MEd TL gave me a solid foundation in the principles of teaching and learning. This has allowed me to advance in my profession as an educator.”

**Vicky Heng**  
**Teacher, HELP International School**



“The long standing collaboration between HELP University (HU) and HELP International School (HIS) has seen several Early Childhood Education graduates come through our doors. I have witnessed some of these fine young interns go on to become Learning and Teaching Assistants, as well as co-teachers, Singapore Maths Coaches and Mandarin Teachers. This year, I’ve been working closely with Emelyne Pang, currently a Learning and Teaching Assistant in our Preschool. I have had the opportunity to work alongside as her mentor as she completed her Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching and Learning (CICTL) course. Emelyne’s passion and strong foundation in Early Childhood pedagogy is very evident as demonstrated in her work as well as her CICTL assignments. This partnership and synergy between HU and HIS has produced some fine young teachers.

**Colette Irvine**  
Head of Pre-School, HELP International School

“We have worked with interns doing their Early Years Degree at HELP for the past three years at Toddler Town International Preschool (formerly known as Safari Kid International Preschool). Personally, I came to realise that what sets these interns apart from other interns is their determination. They are equipped with the right knowledge and work attitude from their coursework activities and the shining example of their lecturers. With very minimal hand holding, they are able to be a part of the teaching arena and contribute greatly. Some have gone on to become permanent teachers with us. I am grateful to HELP University for giving their students more than just an education.”

**Jigna Doshi**  
CEO, Toddler Town International Preschool



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# THE PROFESSIONAL STATUS OF AN EDUCATOR IS TRADITIONALLY DRIVEN BY A CULTURE OF RESEARCH

## RESEARCH GRANT FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Education Department is researching on the use of a Value-Based Reflective Framework (VBRF) to enhance values development among primary years children.

## RESEARCH COLLABORATION WITH HELP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The Education Department and HELP International School are collaborating on a longitudinal research project which aims to explore, investigate and document the processes and outcomes as the Preschool transitions from its current teaching and learning approach towards the Project-Based Learning (PBL) approach. There is a three-pronged focus of the research; prior to the implementation of PBL (working with relevant stakeholders i.e. the school management, teachers, parents,

children and members of the public and note in particular, their perceptions of PBL), during the implementation of PBL (to investigate and document the processes of implementation) and after the transition to PBL (to study the impact of PBL).

## RESEARCH FOR THE COMMUNITY

Using a case study approach, this research project aims to document noteworthy practices of an ECCE programme situated in a refugee community. As such, its primary focus is on the ECCE classroom that is part of an informal school system run by volunteers. The research broadly covers three main themes; parental and community involvement in ECCE, out of school literacy practices of young children and the teaching and learning of ECCE in the community.

Our lecturers are mindful to always link research to their early childhood care and educational practice.

The Department of Education embraces a diverse range of research in the area of Early Childhood Education and Teaching and Learning. The department has committed research team who are experts in both qualitative and quantitative research methods. The current research focus areas are:

- Reflective Practices of Young Children Value-based Reflective Framework
- Knowledge Building and Online Learning
- Involvement of Rohingya Families and Community in Their Children's Education
- Reflective Practices in Teaching and Learning
- Growth Mindset Pedagogy
- Developing Science Module for Parents of Young Children
- Special Needs Education in ECE
- Inclusive Education
- Parents' Perspectives of Quality and Best Practices in ECE centres.

Besides, the graduate students become a part of the thriving research culture by embarking on research projects with a particular focus on teaching and learning process in 21st century education.

**DR JENNIFER TAN** is a Senior Lecturer with expertise in qualitative approach to research, especially ethnography and case studies. Some of her research interests

include teacher professional development, reflective practices in teaching and learning and out of school literacy practices of children in marginalised communities. She is currently working with a Rohingya community in Gombak.

**ASSOC PROF DR SOON SENG THAH** has vast experience in research and evaluation, having worked as a researcher for over 25 years with the Ministry of Education and served as the Director of Research in a local university. Currently he is actively involved in policy research, programme evaluation, assessment, action research and instructional technology research and related areas. Among his current research activities are cyber safety, cyberbullying and cybersecurity with telecommunication companies and values education research with HELP University.

**MS ROSALIND** specialises in early childhood education and has worked with children for more than 15 years. Her research interest includes children's school readiness, early childhood curriculum, preschool preparation and setting, and community and aboriginal school. She is presently a volunteer teacher in a Rohingya school and has presented research on Rohingya volunteer teachers at the Pacific Early Childhood Education Research Association (PECERA) International Conference. Currently, she is working on research related to the Diploma in Early Childhood Education programme and collaborating with colleagues in the

Fundamental Research Grant cheme (FRGS) research projects.

**DR NG POH YOKE** has a passion for children's learning. She has been working with young children for more than a decade. Her strong interest is in language learning for young learners. She has written a research paper on children's English language learning using different approaches. She is keen to do more research on language learning for young children in the future. She has experience writing the preschool curriculum for four- to six-year-old children. She is also very much into exploring the use of Montessori materials in daily teaching.

**MS ELIS JOHANNES HENDRY SALIM** is a Senior Lecturer who focuses her research on parental involvement and science for young children. She is currently involved in a research project with the Rohingya community in Gombak which aims to understand Rohingya's parents and community development in Rohingya children's education. For her PhD, Elis is developing a science module for parents to help them enhance their children's scientific skills and instil positive attitudes towards science learning. Previously, she was involved in the government-funded research project (LRGS) on "The Development of a Comprehensive and Integrated Model of Quality Malaysian ECCE".

# THE HELP EDUCATION TEAM HAS THE EXPERTISE AND RECOGNITION, DOES RESEARCH THAT IMPACTS ON PRACTICE, AND IS CONNECTED WITH THE EDUCATION SERVICE INDUSTRY IN SEVERAL DISTINCTIVE WAYS.

- Knowledge, understanding and application of educational principles as good practice
- Several research studies that impact on practice and programme development; and some are on-going:
  - Early English Literacy Longitudinal Study
  - Teacher-led Interaction and Experiential Learning Experiences
  - Feasibility Study of setting up the National Child Data Centre (NCDC)
  - Indigenous People's Basic Education in the ASEAN Region
  - Professional Development and Career Path of Educators and Care-Providers in the CIM QM ECCE Study
- Research and development that contribute to the ECCE study award



## MS ROSALIND AHJU

**MEd (Teaching & Learning) (HELP), BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education (ECU) Acting Head of Department and Senior Lecturer**  
Rosalind is a senior lecturer, DECE Programme Leader and a PhD undergraduate at HELP University. She has more than 25 years of

experience in the field of early childhood. She specialises in teaching pedagogy and methodology for young children and is actively involved in the service of children. Rosalind was an EXCO member in the Early Childhood Care and Education Council Malaysia (ECCE) and is the council's internal auditor for the year 2023-2025. She is also a researcher in the Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS) and has presented papers in international conferences.



## DR JENNIFER TAN POH SIM

**PhD Applied Linguistics (NUS), MA English Language Studies (UKM), BEd TESL (Malaya) Senior Lecturer**

Dr Tan's professional experience includes developing and writing the Secondary School English Language Curriculum for a school for gifted children in Math and Science, teacher training and supervision with SEAMEO RELC and teaching at the Graduate School of Education, Universiti Brunei Darussalam. Her research interests include reflective practices in teaching and learning and teacher education. She has collaborated on research projects with the Brunei Research Council, the Asia Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) and UNICEF (ROSA).



## ASSOC PROF DR SOON SENG THAH

**PhD Instructional Technology (USM), AMN MEd (Admin) (UP), BA (Hons), Dip Ed (Malaya) Education Associate Professor**

Assoc Prof Dr Soon Seng Thah spent 34 years in the Ministry of Education as a teacher, researcher, Head of the Research & Evaluation Sector, Deputy

Director and Acting Director of the Educational Technology Division. He specialises in research, instructional technology and data analytics such as advanced statistical modelling, text analytics, and training programmes.

Dr Soon once served as a Director of a Research Centre, Deputy Dean, Discipline Chair for Research, and Programme Director of a university. On the international front, he was a training specialist at SEAMEO-INNOTECH, Manila and acted as a consultant to the World Bank, UNESCO, UNICEF, APEC, Commonwealth Secretariat, SEAMEO and several corporate organisations in Malaysia.



## PROF DR CHAN YUEN FOOK

**PhD (Edu Admin) (UPM), MEd (Malaya), MMgmt (IIUM), BA (History) Hons (Malaya), PG Cert (Human Services Research) (RMIT), Cert (Edu) (MPRM) Professor**

Professor Dr Chan Yuen Fook is a professor in teaching and learning at the Faculty of Behavioral Sciences, Education and Languages at HELP University. Formerly, Professor Dr Chan taught at the Faculty of Education, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia for 19 years. To date, Dr Chan has completed more than 30 research projects funded by various agencies such as IPPTN, Ministry of Higher Education; Malaysian Examinations Syndicate, Ministry of Education; Anti-Drugs Agency, Ministry of Home Affairs; Research Management Institute, Universiti Teknologi MARA, and MACEE. He has published numerous papers in various citation indexed journals. He has also won more than 30 awards in various invention, innovation and design competitions at national and international levels. Besides that, he was a Fulbright Scholar at Indiana University from 2010 to 2011. He also won the Asian Scholar Award in 2008 and Best Researcher Award (Social Sciences) at Universiti Teknologi MARA in 2008.



**MS ELIS JOHANNES**  
**MEd in Preschool Education (UKM), BSc (IPB University), Certificate in Childcare Course**  
**Senior Lecturer**

Ms Elis holds a Masters in Education (Preschool Education) from National University of Malaysia (UKM). She is currently pursuing her PhD in Early Childhood Education at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris, Malaysia. Ms Elis has 17 years of experience in the early childhood education industry, during which she has played various roles as a teacher, principal, operator of kindergarten and manager of an education centre. For the past ten years, she has been dedicated to lecturing in Early Childhood Education for both conventional and online programmes, at diploma and degree levels. Her research interests focus on parental involvement science for young children, teacher's training, observation and assessment of young children.



**DR NG POH YOKE**  
**DEd (OUM), MEd (OUM), BCom (Management) (Murdoch), International Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy (Segi University)**  
**Senior Lecturer**

Dr Ng has been working in a kindergarten environment for more than 16 years. She has wide experience of kindergarten operations, having held the positions of Vice Principal, Head of School and Head of Department. She has also been involved in the administrative and marketing activities in the school environment. She has a specific interest in the children's language learning. Her doctoral dissertation was on "Preschool Children's Engagement and Learning Experience in the Montessori Method as compared to non-Montessori in English Language Learning". Dr Ng has also written a preschool curriculum for four-to six-year-old children. She works with passion with young children and is always on the go to explore different teaching methods to help the children to be effective learners. She has a keen interest in exploring the use of Montessori materials in daily teaching.



**DR WONG SHIN PYNG**  
**PhD (Educational Research in Higher Education) (Lancaster), MEd (TESL) (Malaya), BEd (TESL) (UPM)**  
**Senior Lecturer**

Dr Wong Shin Pyng is a senior lecturer in the Department of Education, with an extensive 16-year tenure across universities and schools. Dr Wong's scholarly pursuits have been marked by research contributions and publications. Her research portfolio focuses on educational research methodology, innovative teaching and learning strategies, education policy and its practical implications, and the dynamics of workplace communication within educational contexts. Dr Wong holds a

doctoral degree in educational research from Lancaster University, UK. Additionally, she holds a Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) from the University of Malaya, further enriching her interdisciplinary approach to pedagogy and research.



**DR ONG DEE JEAN**  
**BA (Murdoch), MEd (Early Childhood Edu) (Malaya), PhD (Sc and Tech Ed) (Mahidol)**  
**Senior Lecturer**

Dr Ong Dee Jean worked as a kindergarten teacher, trainer, curriculum developer, and university lecturer before joining HELP University. She once founded an English literacy center in Malaysia based on the research findings of her master's thesis. She developed the Amazing Kids Accelerated Learning Preschool Programme and was the departmental head in the organisation to improve the existing preschool curriculum.

Dr Ong completed the PhD in Science and Technology Education at Mahidol University, Thailand. She is well-versed with phonics, reading and literacy for the early years and has successfully developed a reading program and authored more than 30 reading books for preschoolers. She also enjoys creating educational card games in simple science topics and English lessons for preschoolers, primary and lower secondary school students. She is well-travelled and has conducted training workshops in Bhutan, Thailand, Nepal, Russia, Turkey, India as well as Malaysia.



**MS BALVINDER KAUR SHINGAR SINGH**  
**MEd (ECE), UPSI, Bac of Science Computer (UPM), Dip of Education (Secondary School English), IPBA**

**KAP: Jabatan Kebajikan Masyarakat Lecturer**

Ms Balvinder Kaur graduated from Sultan Idris Education University (UPSI) with a Master of Education (Early Childhood Education). Having wide experiences of 15 years, teaching all levels of students ranging from 3 years up to adults in both public schools and private institutions has given her the opportunities to use multiple different approaches and methodologies in her teaching. She owns a Bachelor of Computer Science (System Computer) from the University of Putra Malaysia (UPM) which enables her to share knowledge related to technology in the field of ECE. Diploma of Education gave her the experience to teach in the Malaysian public school as a teacher. During these past 8 years, Ms. Balvinder has been enthusiastically lecturing in Early Childhood Education at diploma and degree levels. She will be soon pursuing her PhD in Early Childhood Education. Her research

interests are language and literacy in ECE, development of modules and tools using DDR methods, Parents' involvement in children's learning and behaviours of young children.



**MS CHUA MENN SZE**  
**Diploma in ECE (Dika College), Bachelor of ECE (Hons) & Master in Education (Teaching and Learning) (HELP University)**  
**Lecturer**

Menn Sze discovered her passion for working with young children when she was 18 years old and earned a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from Dika College, where she was Best Student in her graduating class. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education at Help University and was awarded the President's Award. She then continued with her Master in Education (Teaching and Learning) and her thesis focused on the contexts and challenges of online reflection with children. Whilst pursuing her Master's Degree, Menn Sze was Research Assistant for the Department of Education's research team that sought to investigate the impact of reflective practices using a Values-Based Reflection Framework (VBRF). She has experience working with learners of all ages; from toddlers to young adults. One of the most rewarding aspects of Menn Sze's journey as an educator is the "AHA!" moments she witnesses when her students' minds are challenged. She also enjoys giving back to the community and volunteers to teach students from high-needs schools as she hopes to make a difference in the lives of others, and when she has time, Menn Sze loves to crochet and journal.



**MS DOROTHY RAJOO**  
**BEarly Childhood Studies (ECU), MEd ECE (Malaya)**  
**Senior Lecturer**

Ms Rajoo helped pioneer early childhood education programmes in 2010. She was the secretary of the Faculty Academic Board and ECCE Advisory Council. The position required her to be connected with ECCE centres for the placement of BECE and DECE students, important stakeholders and research partners. ECCE has been her professional pursuit ever since she became a kindergarten teacher. She subsequently earned her Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies from Edith Cowan University, Western Australia and her Master of Education in Early Childhood Education from University of Malaya.



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