

Position Description – Lecturer in Education (Early Childhood Education)

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POSITION DETAILS	
College	College of Human Sciences and Culture
Organisational Unit	Education
Supervisor	Dean, People and Resources (or Delegate)
Classification	Academic Teaching & Research (Balanced) Level B
Employment Type	Continuing, full-time

POSITION SUMMARY
The Lecturer in Education (Early Childhood Education) will, under routine to general supervision, produce quality research and deliver undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching in Education, with a particular focus on Early Childhood Education. The incumbent will contribute to teaching, research and engagement activities that strengthen the University's profile and expertise in Early Childhood Education. The teaching component includes the development of innovative teaching materials, multi-mode teaching delivery, including face to face and online, and other innovative and contemporary teaching and learning strategies, appropriate for the discipline. The incumbent will make independent high-quality contributions to research and/or creative activity, through activities such as quality publications, external grant acquisition and research student supervision. The incumbent will also contribute to strengthening existing partnerships or exploring new partnerships with external stakeholders that have potential for providing improved teaching, learning and/or research outcomes for the University. The incumbent will prioritise, coordinate, monitor workflow and provide informal day-to-day feedback to research support staff and casual academic teaching staff according to the University's policies, practices and standards.

UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS AND VALUES
All staff at Flinders are responsible for understanding their obligations and responsibilities as set out in the University's code of conduct and are expected to: • demonstrate commitment to the University's values of Integrity, Courage, Innovation, Excellence and the underlying ethos of being Student Centred; • contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the team or work unit in order to meet the University's objectives. This includes demonstrating appropriate and professional workplace behaviours, providing assistance to team members if required and undertaking other key responsibilities or activities as directed by one's supervisor; • promote and support an inclusive workplace culture which values diversity and embraces the principles of equal opportunity; • perform their responsibilities in a manner which reflects and responds to continuous improvement; and • familiarise themselves and comply with the University's Work Health and Safety, Injury Management and Equal Opportunity policies. <i>A Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) which is satisfactory to the University will be required by Flinders University before the successful applicant can commence in this position.</i> <i>Flinders University is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment, free from gender based violence. Appointment to this role is conditional on the completion of required pre employment checks and declarations, each of which must be satisfactory to the University. This includes a Gender Based Violence</i>

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declaration, in accordance with the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender Based Violence (2025), and a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.

In addition, it is a requirement of this position that the incumbent maintain a current Working With Children Check which is satisfactory to the University in accordance with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 (SA), and National Child Safety Training certification.

KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Lecturer in Education is accountable for:

- Planning and delivering ethical, high quality and innovative research through activities such as quality publication, external grant acquisition, scholarship and presentation that aligns with the College's areas of research strength.
- Contributing to the organisation, planning, delivery and evaluation of teaching primarily within undergraduate and/or postgraduate topics and courses in Education, particularly Early Childhood Education.
- Delivering inspiring and innovative teaching informed by approaches that enhance the student experience and support students with academic and/or other challenges impeding their academic progress.
- Focusing and contributing to supervision of research student programs.
- Actively participating in College internal and external quality assurance and accreditation processes.
- Actively participating in high performing multi-disciplinary teams with an education and research focus and contribute to the development of a respectful, trusting and collaborative working environment.
- Developing and maintaining strategic relationships and networks with a range of stakeholders including industry and professional associations and organisations.
- Actively contribute to the integration and management of aspects of the academic and administrative life of the College.
- Some out of hours work (including weekends) as well as rural SA, interstate and overseas travel, may be required.
- Any other responsibilities in line with the level of the position as assigned by the Supervisor and/or the University.

KEY POSITION CAPABILITIES

- Completion of a PhD, or equivalent qualification.
- Demonstrated evidence of, or capacity to, undertake high quality teaching in a tertiary environment, particularly in Early Childhood Education, including involvement in topic coordination and curriculum design.
- Demonstrated evidence of a strong research track record (for career stage) in an area aligned with research strengths in early childhood education, including evidence of quality publications and attraction of external competitive grants.
- Demonstrated understanding of the nexus between teaching and learning, research and scholarship.
- Demonstrated excellent oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills, including the demonstrated ability to establish effective relationships with staff, students and industry.
- Demonstrated experience and successful track record in supervision of honours and higher degree students (Desirable).
- Demonstrated capacity to contribute to leadership in the area of curriculum reviews and internal and external accreditation activities (*desirable*).

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