



COURSE OUTLINE

EDU380 Professional Experience: Transitioning to School

School: School of Education and Tertiary Access

2026 | Trimester 1

UniSC Sunshine Coast

BLENDED
LEARNING

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to usc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

In this course you will determine the abilities, interests, and needs of young children as they prepare for formal schooling. You will use transitioning statements relevant to the sector and schools, to strengthen strategies that support families and promote positive experiences for children as they prepare for the challenges of a school environment. To develop knowledge about the early years school context, you will complete a 15-day Professional Experience (PEx) placement in a school, engaging with teachers and students in Prep to identify the details and complexities of being school ready.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Students independently access course learning materials in Canvas. Learning materials include course learning content, activities, readings and resources for active engagement with EDU380 course learning outcomes	1hr	Week 1	9 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Tutorials are on-campus synchronous tutorials, including technology-enabled blended learning.	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
Placement – To fully prepare for the 15 day PEx, you are required to make an initial site visit to meet with your Supervising Teacher, and familiarise yourself with the school site. You will undertake 7.25 hours each day for the 15 day PEx. The PEx Handbook and additional requirements for the PEx can be accessed at UniSC Sonia	108.75hrs	Week 11	Once Only

1.3. Course Topics

- Accommodating individual students needs through appropriate adjustments
- Australian Curriculum (Prep)
- Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (APST) at Graduate stage
- Building Partnerships: Transition Statements
- Comply with ethical and legislative responsibilities- Code of Conduct
- Engaging in Professional Learning
- Explicit Instruction as a pedagogical approach
- Data for use with Transitioning Statements
- Diversity and inclusive and culturally sensitive practice
- Foundation for Success
- Managing behaviours in schools
- QCAA: Supporting children's transition to school resources
- Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines (QKLG)
- Reflection-for -action for improving practice
- The teaching cycle in schools

2. What level is this course?

300 Level (Graduate)

Demonstrating coherence and breadth or depth of knowledge and skills. Independent application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts. Meeting professional requirements and AQF descriptors for the degree. May require pre-requisites where discipline specific introductory or developing knowledge or skills is necessary. Normally undertaken in the third or fourth full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES	GRADUATE QUALITIES MAPPING	PROFESSIONAL STANDARD MAPPING *
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership
① Identify the attributes and competencies for smooth transitioning and school readiness	Empowered	1, 2
② Reflect on professional knowledge, professional practice and professional engagement to strengthen emerging teacher identity	Engaged	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
③ Understand the complexities of prior to school and formal school contexts	Knowledgeable	3, 4, 5
④ Contribute as an effective member of the school community, and meeting legislative and ethical responsibilities	Ethical	6, 7
⑤ Understand, enact, and comply with the professional practices as outlined in the SETA Code of Conduct.	Ethical	7.1, 7.2

* Competencies by Professional Body

CODE	COMPETENCY
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	
1	PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE: Know students and how they learn
2	PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE: Know the content and how to teach it

CODE	COMPETENCY
3	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning
4	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments
5	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning
6	PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT: Engage in professional learning
7	PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT: Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community
7.1	Meet professional ethics and responsibilities: Understand and apply the key principles described in codes of ethics and conduct for the teaching profession.
7.2	Comply with legislative, administrative and organisational requirements: Understand the relevant legislative, administrative and organisational policies and processes required for teachers according to school stage.

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

EDU208 and enrolled in Program UB009

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

EDU339

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Limited Grading (PNP)

Pass (PU), Fail (UF). All assessment tasks are required to be passed for successful completion of the course.

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

In Week 4 students will bring to the tutorial their Transition to School Portfolio and give and receive peer feedback.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
Blended learning	1	Activity Participation	Individual	Throughout semester of enrolment.	Throughout teaching period (refer to Format)	In Class
Blended learning	2	Code of Conduct	Individual	Throughout trimester of enrolment	Week 3	SONIA
Blended learning	3	Portfolio	Individual	3000 word equivalent	Week 6	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check
Blended learning	4	Oral and Written Piece	Individual	15 minute oral presentation Transition to School Parent Information Session written piece 1000 words equivalent 500 word reflection	Refer to Format	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check and in class
Blended learning	5	Placement performance	Individual	7.25 hours each day over a 15 day PEx placement	Refer to Format	Online Submission

Blended learning - Assessment Task 1: Activity Participation

GOAL:	<p>You will engage in preparation for learning by familiarising yourself with the online learning materials and modules each week. You will engage in self-directed learning through deep engagement with course materials and contribute actively and cooperatively to discussions, learning materials and tutorials. There are also focused participation tasks in weeks 2, 4, 9, and 10. In week 2 you will bring in your PEx file and documentation from your previous PEx and reflect on and share your learnings from the previous semester. You will also engage in peer review of your APST Portfolio and share the evidence you have collected and collated to date. Following this reflection and self-assessment of your portfolios and evidence you will identify your professional learning needs, goals and plans for EDU380. In Week 4 you will bring in your Transition to School Portfolio, that you are developing for Task 3. You will give and receive peer feedback on your Transition to School Portfolio and identify how you will continue to engage with and progress this task. In Week 9 you will actively participate in discussions and EDU380 preparation and use this information discussed to plan for your PEx including familiarising yourself with the PEx Handbook and Final Report, sharing your PEx folder, and identifying possible APSTs to evidence in your APST Portfolio. In Week 10 you will engage in discussion and reflection about your learning in the course and identify your personal and professional learning goals for your upcoming PEx and beyond. You will share resources and ideas for a successful PEx in Prep context.</p>	
PRODUCT:	Activity Participation	
FORMAT:	In class	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Knowledgeable, active, cooperative and meaningful contributions to face to face and online learning including learning materials, tutorials, discussions and focused participation tasks 2 Preparation and organisation of materials, pedagogical documentation, resource ideas, file and folios linked to focused participation tasks 3 Written and oral communication skills and academic literacies including English expression, grammar, spelling, punctuation, APA referencing conventions 	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Organisation	

Blended learning - Assessment Task 2: Code of Conduct

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to demonstrate understanding of, compliance and adherence to the Code of Conduct for the School of Education and Tertiary Access (SETA).	
PRODUCT:	Code of Conduct	
FORMAT:	You will complete the Code of Conduct to demonstrate understanding of the content and expectations. You must conduct yourself in accordance with the SETA Code of Conduct for the duration of the course and operate within its guidelines for the duration of the course. This period of time includes university based activities (workshops, tutorials, Zoom sessions and discussion board) and the site-based components of the course.	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Demonstrate understanding of SETA Code of Conduct to enact professional practice. 2 Demonstrate compliance of the SETA Code of Conduct in all WILs Activities. 	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Organisation, Information literacy	

Blended learning - Assessment Task 3: Transition to School Portfolio

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to source, gather and reflect on transition to school resources.	
PRODUCT:	Portfolio	
FORMAT:	You will create a digital portfolio of transition to school resources and reflect on how you will use each resource to support children and families, to successfully transition from kindergarten to formal schooling contexts. You will also write a position statement on the value and importance of supporting children's successful transition from kindergarten to school.	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Sources and collates resources on supporting the transition from kindergarten to formal schooling contexts. 2 Transition to school resources are reflected on, and connections established to how this resource could be used in practice. 3 Personal Position Statement identifies personal beliefs, and the value and importance of supporting children's successful transition to school. 4 Written communication skills and academic literacies including English expression, grammar, spelling, punctuation, APA referencing conventions 	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Applying technologies, Information literacy	

Blended learning - Assessment Task 4: Transition to School Parent Information Session

GOAL:	The goal of this task is to prepare and present a Transition to School Parent Information Session that support children and families to transition from prior-to-school to formal schooling contexts.	
PRODUCT:	Oral and Written Piece	
FORMAT:	You will take on the role of the Early Childhood Teacher to develop and present a 15-minute information session in the tutorial of Week 8 that is suitable for parents of kindergarten children who will be transitioning to school. During this presentation you will acknowledge the complexities of prior to school and formal school contexts and identify the attributes and competences that support children to make a smooth transition from prior-to-school to formal schooling contexts and foster children's school readiness. You will respond to questions posed by the tutor, that could be asked by a parent during a Transition to School Parent Information Session. Following your oral presentation, you will write a 500-word reflection considering your professional knowledge, professional practice, professional engagement and emerging teacher identity. You will submit your reflection by 4pm on Friday of Week 9.	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Identification of the attributes and competences that support children's transition to school and foster school readiness 2 Understanding of the complexities that exist in prior to school and formal school contexts 3 Responsive to posed questions and uses professional knowledge and practice 4 Reflection on the Transition to School Parent Information Session considering professional knowledge, professional practice, professional engagement and emerging teacher identity 5 Oral communication skills to present and inform in a professional context 6 Written communication skills and academic literacies including English expression, grammar, spelling, punctuation, APA referencing conventions 	Learning Outcome assessed
GENERIC SKILLS:		

Blended learning - Assessment Task 5: PEx: Transitioning to School

GOAL:	To develop an understanding of the early years of school, and the importance of supporting children to effectively transition from prior-to-school to school contexts.	
PRODUCT:	Placement performance	
FORMAT:	You will undertake 15 days of PEx in a school context. It is the expectation that you will engage fully at the PEx site for the duration of the school day. You will be supervised by a professional teacher who meets the qualification and registration requirements of the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) and who will complete your report. The expectations and guidelines to support you during your PEx for EDU380 can be found in the Early Childhood PEx Handbook. A copy of the EDU380 Final Report is found in the Early Childhood PEx Handbook. You are required to successfully completed your PEx and engage in reflection on your learning. You will maintain up-to-date professional written work in your PEx folder and upload quality reflections and evidence to your APST Portfolio.	
CRITERIA:	<p>No.</p> <p>1 This task will be assessed by your Supervising Teacher on the EDU380 Professional Experience Report Form. Refer to the Professional Experience Canvas site. Attendance (compulsory) at scheduled debrief session following PEx.</p>	Learning Outcome assessed 1 2 3 4 5
GENERIC SKILLS:	Problem solving, Organisation, Information literacy	

6.4. Assessment to competency mapping

PROGRAMME DELIVERY MODE	ASSESSMENT TYPE	TITLE	COMPETENCY	TEACHING METHODS
2020 AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS				
Blended learning	Code of Conduct	Code of Conduct	7.1	Assessed
			7.2	Assessed
		PEx: Transitioning to School	1.2	Assessed
			2.1	Assessed
			2.2	Assessed
			2.3	Assessed
			2.5	Assessed
			3.1	Assessed
			3.2	Assessed
			3.3	Assessed
	Placement performance	PEx: Transitioning to School	3.4	Assessed
			3.5	Assessed
			4.1	Assessed
			4.2	Assessed
			1.2	Assessed
Blended learning	Portfolio	Transition to School Portfolio	2.1	Assessed
			3.7	Assessed
			7.3	Assessed

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site— Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

Not applicable

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Risk assessments have been performed for all field activities and a low level of health and safety risk exists. Some risks concerns may include working in an unknown environment as well as slip and trip hazards. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

This course will be graded as Pass in a Limited Grade Course (PU) or Fail in a Limited Grade Course (UF) as per clause 5.1.1.3 and 5.1.1.4 of the Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA) - Academic Policy.

In a course eligible to use Limited Grades, all assessment items in that course are marked on a Pass/Fail basis and all assessment tasks are required to be passed for a student to successfully complete the course. Supplementary assessment is not available in courses using Limited Grades.

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

You must contact your Course Coordinator and provide the required documentation if you require an extension or alternate assessment.

Refer to the Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs – Procedures.

10.4. SafeUniSC

UniSC is committed to a culture of respect and providing a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. For immediate assistance on campus contact SafeUniSC by phone: [07 5430 1168](#) or using the [SafeZone](#) app. For general enquiries contact the SafeUniSC team by phone [07 5456 3864](#) or email safe@usc.edu.au.

The SafeUniSC Specialist Service is a Student Wellbeing service that provides free and confidential support to students who may have experienced or observed behaviour that could cause fear, offence or trauma. To contact the service call [07 5430 1226](#) or email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.6. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.7. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.8. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.9. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.10. General Enquiries

In person:

- **UniSC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **UniSC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **UniSC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **UniSC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **UniSC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
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