

EDUCATION CAREER SNAPSHOT



BOOST YOUR CAREER 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, stand out

For further ideas access [Career Ready Plan](#)

Graduate Opportunities

JCU offers a range of undergraduate and post graduate Education degrees.

The [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.

The [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#) – a four-year undergraduate program and the [Master of Teaching and Learning \(Primary\)](#) – a two year post graduate program, qualify graduates to work with students in Years 1 – 6.

The [Bachelor of Education \(Secondary\)](#) – a four-year undergraduate program and [Master of Teaching and Learning \(Secondary\)](#) – two year post graduate program, 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 as well as overseas.

JCU Graduate Outcomes

The Australian Government [ComparED](#) site provides graduate outcome information for the JCU Education degrees and all other Australian Teacher Education programs.

Graduate Employment Teacher Education (undergraduate)		
	James Cook University	National Average
Full-time employment	80.7% 145 responses	80.2%
Overall employment	92.8% 194 responses	91.6%
Full-time study	1.8% 169 responses	7.7%

Source: [Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019-2021](#), [ComparED](#), December 2022

JCU Alumni Career Paths

Over 1183 JCU alumni (graduates) have listed that they studied education within their LinkedIn profile.

Of these alumni, 570 are working in Education, 141 in Business Development, 119 in Community and Social Services, 114 in Healthcare Services and 74 in Human Resources. (Source [JCU LinkedIn](#) December 2022)

Investigate the alumni listed on the [James Cook University LinkedIn](#) page to identify career pathways, including job titles and current and past employers of JCU education graduates.

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**.

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

Graduates are eligible for employment in the early childhood area (0-8 years) as an educator or service provider.

Visit the [AITSL](#) website to access all State and Territory Australian teacher regulatory 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](#) December 2022)

Further information

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

Identifying Job Opportunities

The following online job boards provide information on job opportunities and employer expectations.

It is recommended that you work towards ensuring you have the skills, knowledge and experience listed in these job advertisements, to be competitive when entering the graduate labour market.

- [Teach.qld.gov.au](#)
- [Queensland Catholic Education](#)
- [Independent Schools QLD](#)
- [Steiner Education Australia](#)
- [Teachers.on.net](#)
- [Seek](#)
- [SmartJobs](#)
- [JCU CareerHub](#)
- [LinkedIn Jobs](#)
- [CareerOne](#)

Employers' websites, LinkedIn and social media accounts also provide information on job opportunities and current topics of interest for education professionals.

E.g., [Education Queensland Jobs](#) [LinkedIn](#)

Alternative Career Options

JCU education degrees equip graduates with a skill set to work outside of the schooling system in areas including*:

- Education management or technology (e.g. [Educational, Learning or Instructional Designers](#))
- Government departments
- Corporate training
- Community development
- Registered Training Organisations
- Tutoring Services
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

* Further study/training may be required

Graduate Programs

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

Successful applicants are provided on the job training and mentoring within the organization.

Candidates are usually recruited throughout their final year of study for commencement in the following year.

Graduate Programs are advertised through employer websites and social media e.g.

- [Australian Government Graduate Programs](#),
- [Queensland Government Graduate Portal](#) and other state government graduate portals

and through the graduate recruitment sites:

- [GradAustralia](#)
- [GradConnection](#)

Course Relevant Experience

The JCU Education programs place a strong emphasis on **professional practice experience and skill development**.

Maximise 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 further develop your skills, expand your professional networks and 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.

- Volunteer for opportunities presented through your placements
- Become a [Student Mentor](#)
- Be involved in a local group e.g., committee member of sporting clubs, service clubs etc.

Community volunteering opportunities are advertised through:

- [FNQ Volunteers](#)
- [Volunteering North Queensland](#)
- [Townsville Community Directory - volunteering](#)
- [Cairns Community Directory - volunteering](#)

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 job applications.

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