

A program to develop the participants' knowledge, understanding and practical experience of Steiner education.

The Art of Early Childhood Education



FOUNDATIONS FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Foundations for the Early Childhood Educator is a part-time course of study for people working with young children in a school setting, whether teacher, assistant, support staff or administrator. The program intends to provide an introduction and overview of the principles that underpin Steiner/Waldorf early childhood education.

The course will be held on 8 weekends spread across the year, some during school term and some during non-term time. The programme begins on Saturday mornings at 9am to 5.30pm and finishes on Sunday at 5.30pm, however, depending on the constellation of participants, the finish could be negotiated to an earlier time. Morning and afternoon tea and lunch are provided.

There will be lectures related to the Anthroposophical perspective of human nature, early childhood development, as well as the elements of early childhood pedagogy. Artistic activities include singing, story-telling, puppetry, and Morning Circle. Handwork for the educator includes sewing, felting, knitting and puppet- and toy-making.

Assignments are practical and relevant: including handwork, song and story-writing, creating a morning circle, and written child observation.

The course coordinator, Connie Grawert, has extensive experience as an early childhood teacher, consultant and trainer. Connie will deliver some sessions, support and guide tutors and students. All tutors will be experienced in their field and in early childhood education. Administration and logistics will be handled by Samford Valley Steiner School as part of the Art of Education program.

Date	Module	Lecture Focus
Saturday 19 January Sunday 20 January	Module 1 Biography, Cycle of Life Fingerplays and Games Sewing	General Anthroposophy
Saturday 23 February Sunday 24 February	Module 2 Path to Birth, Birth – Three: Walking, talking and thinking Music with young children Sewing	Child Development
	Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handwork/ for example, create a sewing basket or box with utensils • write, learn and sing a pentatonic song 	Due: March 23
Saturday 23 March Sunday 24 March	Nature of the human being: 3 aspects, 4 aspects Movement and Morning Circle Making Soft toys	General Anthroposophy
	Assignment: Create and demonstrate a Morning Circle	Due: June 15
Saturday 15 June Sunday 16 June	Child Development: Birth to 7, Birth to 21; Domestic Arts Making soft toys	Child Development
	Assignment: Make a soft toy	Due: July 13 (bring to next module to display)
Saturday 13 July Sunday 14 July	Inner development of the teacher – Soul and spiritual practises, Essentials of Waldorf early childhood education Observing children Felting	General Anthroposophy

	Assignment: Written child observation	Due on or before September 8
Saturday 7 September Sunday 8 September	Imitation & education of the will, fantasy and imagination Drawing and painting with children Felting	Child Development
	Assignment: Felting	Completed during workshop or finish off before October 5
Saturday 5 October Sunday 6 October	Evolution of Consciousness Wisdom of Fairytales Story-telling, creative discipline Puppet-making	General Anthroposophy and Pedagogy
	Assignment: write a story for a specific child or occasion	Due: November 9
Saturday 9 November Sunday 10 November	Stages of Play, types of play Rhythm, Repetition and Reverence Facilitating Play Puppet-making	Pedagogy Final Assignment due December 31

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2019 Registration Form

Name _____

School _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Payment can be made either in full or in 2 instalments of \$800

☐ Full payment \$1600 by 8th January 2019

☐ 2 Instalments of \$800 each (**NOTE: Payment is January 8th and March 15th 2019**)

Fee includes morning, afternoon tea and lunch. All meals are vegetarian. Please indicate:

☐ Gluten free

☐ Lactose free

For any other dietary needs, we ask that you please provide whatever you need for yourself.

Payment

Please pay by direct deposit to: Samford Valley Steiner School

BSB: 084 209 Account: 53 862 0260

Reference: [Your Name] Art of EC Ed

Please email your registration form to jweir@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

Registrations must be accompanied by payment.

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Registrations cancelled less than ten (10) business days prior to the commencement of the course will not be refunded.