



Welcome to your Education Journey at CDU!



Welcome to Charles Darwin University and to the beginning of your journey as a preservice teacher. Becoming a teacher is both a privilege and a profound responsibility. At CDU, you will learn from experienced educators, researchers and leaders who are committed to your success. You will develop the knowledge, skills and professional confidence to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and young people across Australia. But before you begin your journey, I want to share a little of mine.

My journey did not begin with a clear intention to become an educator. I was fortunate to receive a good education in my home country and had opportunities to travel overseas, but I did not always appreciate or make the most of those opportunities. Like many young people, I experienced distractions, made mistakes and had to reconsider the direction of my life.

My turning point came when I moved to Asia. There, I learned a lesson that fundamentally changed my life: **discipline**. I learned to take responsibility for my future, remain focused, commit to my studies and persevere when circumstances become challenging. That discipline eventually led to me being awarded a full scholarship to study in Australia. The transition was not easy, but I remained committed, adapted to a new educational environment, and continued moving forward.

My message to you is simple: **take this opportunity seriously. Develop discipline. Learn from your mistakes. Remain focused and persevere.** Throughout your studies, you will be supported by dedicated teams across the university who understand the demands of studying, the realities of learning to teach, and balancing life. They will guide you through your professional placements, coursework, and reflections on what it truly means to educate with purpose.

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Your Education Academic Support Team and Key Contact Details

Course Coordinator	Teacher Education Courses
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Welcome video



Your Professional Support Team and Key Contact Details

Faculty Placement Team	CDU Student Central	CDU Life, Health & Wellbeing
For questions about placement	For questions about administration, enrolling, timetables, scholarships	For wellbeing and academic support
Inschool@cdu.edu.au	Student.Central@cdu.edu.au	https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/life-health-wellbeing

Your Path to Success – Common Questions from Commencing Education Students

How do I stay up to date?

🔑 Check your CDU student email each week via the CDU Student Portal (Outlook app).

What is my study plan?

🔑 Visit the undergraduate or postgraduate course page and select your course to view the full-time or part-time study plan. It is important to follow the recommended study plan as this ensures prerequisites and placements line up correctly so you can successfully complete your course on time.

🔑 Contact your Course Coordinator for advice before making changes to the study plan. If you fail a unit at any time in your degree, you will need to discuss this with your Course Coordinator and ask for an updated study plan. Please see this document for their contact details.

🔑 Some courses have specific Major and Minor electives. Check the course structure carefully, and, if in doubt, contact your Course Coordinator.

🔑 Australian (domestic) students: Start with 2 units if you work or have family commitments. Contact your Course Coordinator for advice on study load.

🔑 International students: Maintain enrolment as per your student visa requirements. Contact International.compliance@cdu.edu.au for advice.

🔑 Check unit availability in Summer Semester – it is a great way to fast-track your studies!

Study Plans


[Undergraduate Courses](#)


[Postgraduate Courses](#)

Do I need to complete LANTITE – Literacy and Numeracy Test?

🔑 You must attempt LANTITE during your first year of study.

🔑 You must pass both components to enrol in your final placement unit and to graduate from your course.

🔑 Prepare at least 6 months ahead using LANTITE Central on Learnline.

🔑 After passing, upload results via special enrolment application to LAN020 (0-credit) in the portal.

Do I have to complete a Professional Experience Placement?

🔑 Yes, you will be required to undertake placements in a school or early learning placements (at least two placements) as part of your course. Placement is part of a unit where the first few weeks are spent engaging with content to build skills to prepare you for placement, followed by a placement, where you will practice the skills learned. We recommend visiting the [InSchool Website](#) for further information about pre-placement clearances required prior to placement.

Can I choose the timing and location of my placement?

🔑 Placement settings are arranged by CDU; flexibility is available and negotiated with the placement team. Once enrolled in your placement unit, you can email inschool@cdu.edu.au for more information.

Hear from your Peers: Words of Wisdom from Education Students



[Sophia's Bachelor of Secondary Education Journey](#)
International Student



[Daniel's Education degree experience](#)
Mature-aged Student with Family