

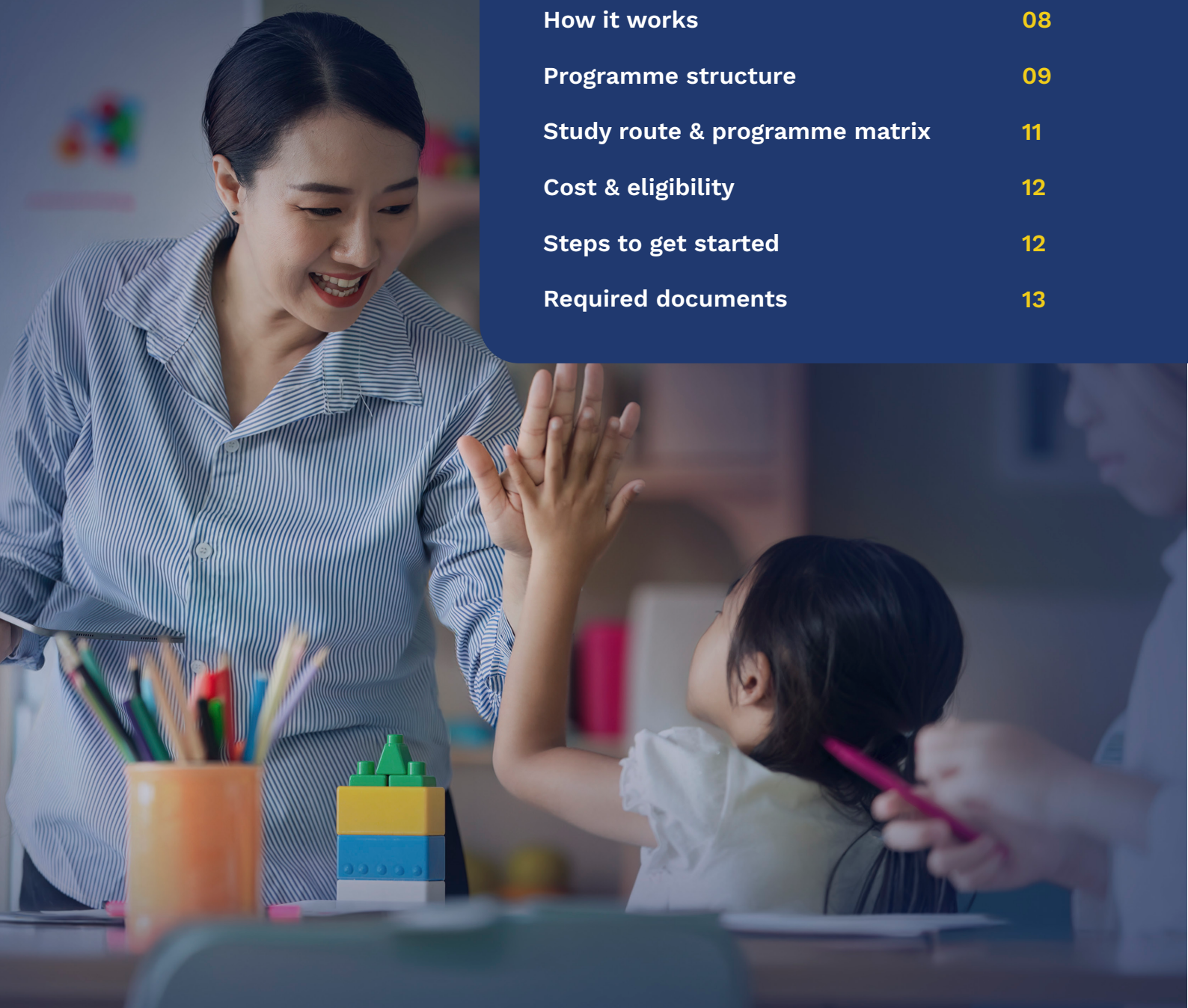
Diploma in **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Programme Guide

Lead the first steps
of the next generation

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INTRODUCING OUR DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Sunway University's online Diploma in Early Childhood Education prepares individuals to thrive in shaping childhood education for the next generation.

It is tailored to meet the unique needs of educators pursuing career advancement while balancing their professional responsibilities.

Graduates will gain significant opportunities to enhance their careers, open new entrepreneurial doors, and strengthen their expertise in early childhood education.



100% online

Study anytime, anywhere, on any device



Up to 2 subjects at a time

Focus on just up to 2 subjects every 7 weeks



5 intakes per year

Enrol quickly & at your convenience



Part-time study

No need to give up work & family commitments



Tuition fee (Total)

RM35,060

BENEFITS OF A DIPLOMA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Achieve formal recognition

Gain the formal qualifications and credentials needed for early childhood educators to meet Malaysian government mandate.

Develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills

Hone administration, management, and entrepreneurship skills that allow you to seamlessly advance in your career aspirations while embracing technology.

The Sunway University pathway

Take advantage of a 50% credit transfer when progressing into the Bachelor in Early Childhood Education with Special Needs (Honours) at Sunway University, all within the School of Education.

Graduate from a top-ranked university

Gain a career edge with a diploma from Sunway University, ranked the #1 Private University in ASEAN (AppliedHE Private University Ranking: ASEAN 2025).

Study flexibly from anytime, anywhere

Fit your studies around your schedule and not the other way around with a 100% online programme that is available for part-time study.



WHY STUDY A DIPLOMA ONLINE?

Recognising the demands of work and personal commitments on today's professionals, we've designed a 100% online Diploma in Early Childhood Education that allows you to experience first-rate learning without disrupting your routine.

Enrol, log in, and embark on a transformative programme – all at a click of a button – while enjoying comprehensive support from lecturers and your dedicated Education Counsellor.

- Intuitive online learning experience
- Better work-life-study balance
- Fit study around your lifestyle
- Interactive study sessions
- Digital engagement with peers
- Personalised student support



THRIVE IN SHAPING YOUNG MINDS

Early childhood education has rapidly professionalised with new federal mandates and digital shifts. The industry now demands leadership-ready educators equipped for inclusive, tech-integrated classrooms.

Graduates will be qualified to bridge the gap between practical classroom experience and professional excellence through a focus on play-based learning and centre management.

This programme readies you to define the standards of early childhood education excellence.



Essential regulatory compliance

A certified diploma is now the compulsory baseline for preschool educators, securing your long-term licence to practice in Malaysia.



Chart your career trajectory

Establish the foundation required to grow into senior teaching, department lead, or assistant management positions.



Inclusive education expertise

Become a sought-after specialist for premium schools equipped with Special and Inclusive Education skills.



Future-ready pedagogy

Stay ahead of the digital shift by integrating AI and STEM tools as a modern educator in a tech-driven landscape.



Stackable academic foundation

Use this diploma as a strategic stepping stone for a direct and flexible pathway into a bachelor's while you work.





LEARN FROM THE BEST

Sunway University is a world-class institution with a respected global reputation.

- ▶ QS five-star rated institution¹
- ▶ Ranked as one of Malaysia's top 10 universities²
- ▶ In the top 1.5% of Asian educational institutions³
- ▶ Recognised as a Premier Digital Technology University⁴

The online Diploma in Early Childhood Education is delivered by a passionate and experienced team of educators and industry experts, with networking opportunities to catapult your career forward.

- ▶ Committed academics with extensive global experience
- ▶ Respected thought leadership from industry pros
- ▶ Learning that emphasises peer networks and support
- ▶ Provisionally accredited by MQA

¹ Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Stars Rating Systems

² Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2025

³ QS Asia University Rankings 2026

⁴ Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) assessment

HOW IT WORKS

The Diploma in Early Childhood Education provides students who are passionate about this field with a world-class learning experience, characterised by flexibility and high levels of engagement, making it an ideal choice for those committed to delivering exceptional early childhood education.

5

intakes per year

19

core subjects

5

MPU subjects

2

practicums

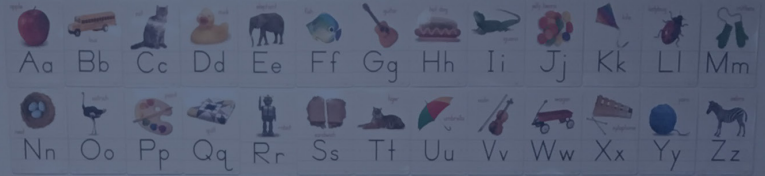
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subjects required
for completion



**Non-local students are required to complete a total of 27 subjects, comprising 19 core subjects, 6 MPU subjects, and 2 practicums. Additional details can be found in the following programme structure section.*

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE



Core Subjects	Credit
Child Development across Diverse Contexts	3
Early Learning and Environment	3
Play and Learning	4
Introduction to Special and Inclusive Education	3
Health, Safety and Nutrition	4
Science and Technology for Young Children	3
Curriculum Planning and Development	4
Inclusive Classroom Design and Pedagogies	3
Creative Children I: Music and Movement	4
Creative Children II: Creative Arts and Crafts	4
Mathematics for Young Children	3
Partnership with Families and Communities	4
Language and Literacy for Young Children	4
Spiritual and Moral Education	4
Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education	4
Pedagogies in Early Childhood Education	4
Entrepreneurship in Early Childhood Education	3
Programme Planning and Development	3
Professionalism in Early Childhood Education	4

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Practicum	Credit
Practicum I: Nursery	6
Practicum II: Kindergarten	6

Compulsory (MPU)	Credit
<i>Perlembagaan dan Masyarakat Berintegriti</i> (local students) / <i>Bahasa Melayu Komunikasi 1</i> (non-local students)	2
<i>Bahasa Kebangsaan A</i> (non-local students)	0
Contemporary Malaysia: People, Places and Futures	2
Communication Skills	2
Community Service for Planetary Health	2
Critical Thinking and Responsible Decision-Making	2

**The Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) requires all students to take Mata Pelajaran Umum (MPU) (i.e. General Studies) within the duration of their studies. Sunway University established a series of subjects that different programmes need to implement for all students to meet the Ministry's requirements. Subjects will differ depending on the institution and the level of studies of the student.*

STUDY ROUTE & PROGRAMME MATRIX



Diploma in Early
Childhood Education



Degree in
Education



Master of
Education

Programme	Awarding Institution	Academic Requirements
Diploma in Early Childhood Education	Sunway University	<i>Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM)</i> with minimum 3 credits and a pass in <i>Bahasa Melayu</i> and <i>Sejarah</i> (History) OR O LEVEL / IGCSE, with minimum 3 credits in any subjects OR <i>Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)</i>, with minimum Grade C in any subject OR ICCE General Certificate, with minimum 80% in 5 subjects OR APEL (A) CERTIFICATE <i>*Other relevant equivalent qualifications recognised by the Malaysian government will be considered on a case-by-case basis.</i>

COST & ELIGIBILITY

Total Fees

RM35,060

Click [here](#) to learn more about funding options.

Intake

5

entry points per year, in January, March, May, July, and September.

Duration

42 MONTHS

of part-time study.

STEPS TO GET STARTED

1. Call 1800 180 029 (International: +60 3 2782 3258) to discuss your eligibility and the application process, or ask any questions you might have.

[Schedule a Call](#)

2. Submit your application after your Education Counsellor confirms your eligibility for the programme. Find more information on the required documents on the next page.

[Apply Now](#)

If you prefer to communicate with your Education Counsellor exclusively via email, please mention this when sending your documents to eligibilitycheck@studyonline.sunwayuniversity.edu.my

If you choose this option, we will provide the result of your eligibility check and other relevant information via email.

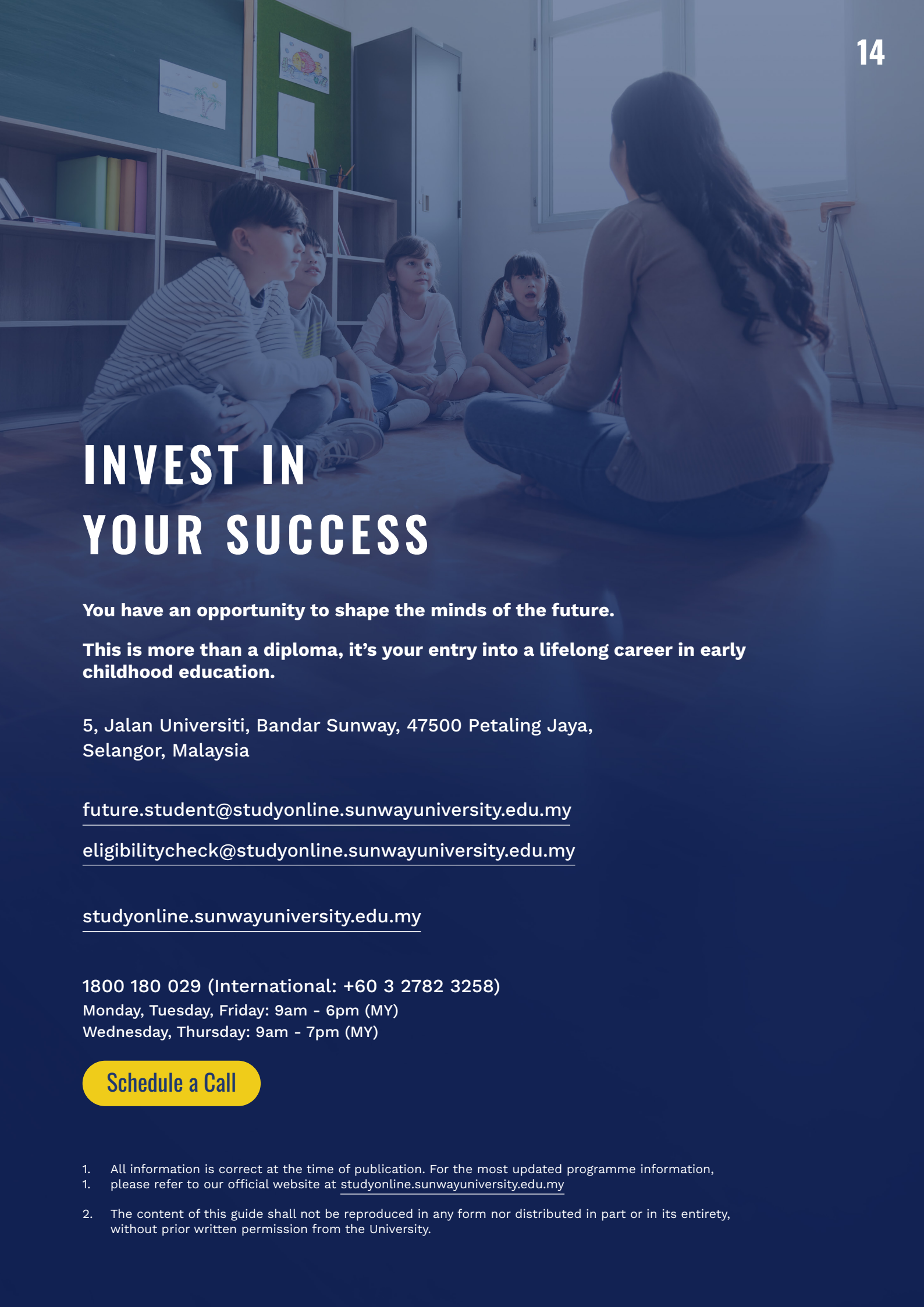
We highly recommend you speak with us on a call to give you the best possible chance of success on your undergraduate study journey.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You will need to supply the following documents with your application:

- ▶ 1 recent passport-format digital photograph
- ▶ A copy of your Malaysian identification card or an international passport
- ▶ Certified true copies of your academic qualifications (SPM, STPM/Foundation)





INVEST IN YOUR SUCCESS

You have an opportunity to shape the minds of the future.

This is more than a diploma, it's your entry into a lifelong career in early childhood education.

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Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9am - 6pm (MY)

Wednesday, Thursday: 9am - 7pm (MY)

Schedule a Call

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