Q. Why did you choose the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)?

A. I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher and work with children. Once I realised the how significant the first few years of a child’s life are, I knew that early-childhood education was the best place for me to have fun while making a difference.

Q. Why are you passionate about this topic area?

A. Early childhood education is an important profession which requires extensive theoretical and practical knowledge. I am passionate about using my knowledge to help children to grow to their full potential and to make others aware of the importance of this period for infants, toddlers and preschool children.

Q. What internships or placement programs have you participated in?

A. My first year was filled with a number of visits to different early childhood settings. This allowed me to see all of the theory we were learning within a practical setting.

In my second year, I participated in a three-week practicum at a childcare centre. During this time I was guided by a supervising teacher who worked at the centre and a mentor from the University. Over the next two years I will continue to undertake more practicums in my degree.

Q. What do you enjoy most about the degree?

A. I definitely enjoy how each class is so interesting in both a practical and theoretical sense. So far, I have learned about neuroscience, educational psychology, child development, creative arts, mathematics, science, picture books and language, among many other concepts and topics.

What I love most is that every class - even the ones you may not expect - are practical, fun and engaging. For example, in my maths class, we experiment with construction blocks and other materials to illustrate the concepts we would be teaching children. In creative arts, we would sing, dance and draw while learning about the theory that supports our practice. I have so many more examples, but to summarise, every day within the early childhood degree is a lot of fun!

Q. Who inspires you?

A. All the teachers in my life inspire me on a daily basis, whether they are my university tutors or lecturers, or the early childhood teachers I’ve met out in the field.

Q. What advice would you give someone considering the degree?

A. This degree will put you on the path to a seemingly infinite number of career possibilities and I can guarantee that you will learn so much and have a lot of fun!