2019 Preservice early childhood teacher mentoring program

**Mentor Application Form**

The Department of Education is inviting applications from experienced early childhood professionals to participate in the *Preservice early childhood teacher mentoring* program.

This is an exciting and unique opportunity to be involved in a Queensland Government pilot that aims to recognise excellence in early childhood teaching and support preservice teachers who are interested in teaching in the early childhood sector after graduation.

By undertaking this program, mentors will have an opportunity to receive valuable professional development experience through a mentor training workshop to develop their mentoring and leadership skills in an early childhood context.

**Eligibility**

Experienced early childhood professionals interested in mentoring preservice teachers must have:

- At least a Bachelor-level teaching qualification
- Have demonstrated early childhood pedagogical knowledge and expertise
- Currently located in the Metropolitan or Central Queensland region

Early childhood professionals who have expertise, enthusiasm and the capacity to mentor preservice teachers for a minimum of 12 months are encouraged to apply for the program.

**How to apply**

To apply for the MPSECT program please complete the attached application form and email to ecec.mentoring@qed.qld.gov.au.

Please note for the pilot (June 2019) early childhood professionals applying for the program must be from the Metropolitan or Central Queensland region.

**Personal Details**

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**Professional background**

Please list your career experience in early childhood settings:

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What qualification(s) do you have and where did you complete these?
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Can you tell us about any past experiences as a mentor, coach or working in a leadership position?
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What skills and abilities will you bring to the role of a mentor?
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Self-assessment Tool
Please complete the following questions to assess your suitability as a mentor.

How do I demonstrate early childhood pedagogy and content knowledge?
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How do I show capacity to model and share practice and actively contribute to a learning community as an educative mentor?
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How do I demonstrate strong interpersonal skills and the capacity to develop and sustain productive relationships within and beyond the early childhood sector?
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How do I demonstrate understanding of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers?
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(For online mentors) How do I demonstrate knowledge and skills in online facilitation? For example web conferences, and online courses and tools?
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Privacy statement
Privacy Statement: The information on this form is being collected for the purpose of assessing your suitability and/or eligibility for participation in the MPSECT program with the Department of Education (DoE). All personal information provided by you to DoE will be handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009. DoE will not disclose the personal information to other parties without your consent unless required or authorised by law. DoE will use relevant personal information for the purpose of assessing your suitability and/or eligibility to participate in the MPSECT program. The information provided by you will be securely stored and will only be made available to appropriate and authorised officers of DoE as is necessary for the purposes outlined. While completion of this form is voluntary, if you do not answer all relevant questions it may result in your application not being considered. If you are concerned about the privacy of the personal information supplied on this form, please email ecec.mentoring@gov.qld.gov.au.