

CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

This qualification prepares you to become a lead educator in the delivery of early childhood education programs for children in centre based and family day care. Gain the skills and knowledge to plan, implement and manage education programs in early childhood services as well as develop your ability to lead and mentor other educators. Study in the workplace or by distance with practical placement.

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Program breakdown

This program consists of a total of 15 units of competency, (12 core and 3 electives) and a total of at least 280 hours of work in a regulated children's education and care service.

Units of competency

Core units

CHCECE046	Implement strategies for the inclusion of all children
CHCECE050	Work in partnership with children's families
CHCECE045	Foster positive and respectful interactions and behaviour in children
CHCECE041	Maintain a safe and healthy environment for children
CHCECE049	Embed environmental responsibility in service operations
CHCECE042	Foster holistic early childhood learning, development and wellbeing
CHCECE043	Nurture creativity in children
CHCECE047	Analyse information to inform children's learning
CHCECE048	Plan and implement children's education and care curriculum
CHCECE044	Facilitate compliance in a children's education and care service
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice
BSBTWK502	Manage team effectiveness

Elective units

BSBPEF502	Develop and use emotional intelligence
BSBSTR501	Establish innovative work environments
CHCPOL003	Research and apply evidence to practice

Pathways

Career pathways:

- Room leader/Lead educator
- Early childhood educator
- Family day care educator
- Kindergarten assistant
- Nanny/in-home carer
- Assistant Director
- Centre Director

Education pathways:

- Pathway to CHC62015 Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management.
- University pathway via credit recognition to study a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) or Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching) with Swinburne Online and Swinburne campus (Hawthorn).



Delivery mode

Workplace: 12 months - Blended (online + workplace observations)

This delivery mode is for those **already** working in an education and care service. Your dedicated trainer will arrange regular face-to-face visits to your workplace to complete observations and provide feedback, guidance and support. They will also be available by phone and email between visits.

Practical placement

A total of at least 280 hours (2 days per week, 7.5 hour days) of work in a regulated children's education and care service in Australia is required to complete this qualification.

We can help arrange placement for students who are not already employed in an education and care service. For workplace learners, practical placement hours can be scheduled during usual working hours.

Entry requirements and funding

Entry requirements:

- Must hold a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30113 or CHC30121);
- Language Literacy Numeracy (LLN) skills meet ACSF Level 3 requirements;
- Access to a computer and internet;
- A current Working With Children Check (WWCC) is required for practical placement;
- Evidence of COVID-19 vaccinations may be required by a service to undertake your practical placement. Please check our website for more information

Government funding for eligible applicants* $\sqrt{}$

VET Student Loans available** √

Government funding for employers*** \checkmark

Interest-free payment plans available $\sqrt{}$

***VIC (Skills First Program):** This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government Funding to eligible applicants.

*NSW (Smart and Skilled): This training is subsidised by the New South Wales government to eligible applicants.

**VET student loans available to eligible applicants.

For full details visit: dese.gov.au/vet-student-loans/vet-information-students/information-vet-student-loans-students

***Australian Apprenticeship/Traineeship Incentive Program:
Subject to government terms of eligibility.

Eligibility requirements and the availability of government funding and traineeship funding may vary from state-to-state. Please refer to our website for state-specific course information.