

Certificate III in EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

COURSE CODE: CHC30121



Description:

Are you passionate about working with children and supporting their growth and development? This course gives you the essential skills to begin a meaningful career in early childhood education.

Students will learn relevant policies and procedures to ensure children's safety, promote inclusive practices, and begin to develop the knowledge and skills to commence an exciting career in the early childhood education and care sector. There is a Structured Workplace Learning component of this course that must be completed.

This program is for a partial completion of the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. For students who wish to complete the full qualification, you will have the option of enrolling in the remaining units beyond your secondary schooling.

You will learn things like:

- caring for children's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs
- supporting play-based learning experiences
- observing and documenting children's development
- communicating effectively with children, families, and colleagues
- health, hygiene, and safety in childcare environments
- positive behaviour guidance
- first aid and emergency response
- promoting inclusion and diversity in early childhood settings

Does this sound like you:

- Are caring, patient, and genuinely enjoy working with children
- Communicate well with people of all ages
- Value creativity, play, and holistic development
- Are organised, responsible, and able to follow routines
- Have the maturity to handle confidential and sensitive information
- Can work safely, stay calm in busy environments, and adapt to changing needs
- Enjoy working hands-on and contributing to a supportive team
- are considering a career in education, health, or social

COURSE INFORMATION

Qualification	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
Qualification Code	CHC30121
Qualification Outcome	Partial Completion. Students will receive a Statement of Attainment for Units of Competency completed.
Year Levels	Year 10 (check with your school), Year 11, Year 12
Structured Workplace Learning	SWL requirements vary between VET courses and RTO's. Check with your VET Coordinator
Contribution to Senior Secondary Certificate	Contributes to VCE, VCE VM and VPC in accordance with current <u>VCAA</u> requirements. Speak with your VET Coordinator for advice specific to your senior pathway.
Transport	Students are responsible for travel to and from the delivery location. Subject to transport funding, SMRVC may provide transport on certain routes. Check with your VET Coordinator.
Scored Program	No

Future Ready Skills:

Students develop valuable employability skills including:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Creativity
- Empathy
- Child Development
- Problem Solving
- Planning & Organisation
- Professional Practice

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Venue & RTO:

RTO	LOCATION	DELIVERY DAY/TIME
TBC	Gisborne Secondary College	TBC: Wed or Thurs
<u>Bendigo TAFE (3077)</u>	Bendigo City Campus	Tues: Yr 1 - 9.30am-3.30pm Tues: Yr 2 - 9.30am-3.30pm
<u>Kangan Institute (3077)</u>	Broadmeadows	Wed: Yr 1 - 9.30am-3.30pm Wed: Yr 2 - 9.30am-3.30pm
<u>Victoria University (3113)</u>	Footscray, Nicholson Campus	Wednesdays: 9am - 3.00pm

Qualification and Recognition:

- SWL: 80 hours of work placement, 40 hours each year is compulsory to successfully complete each year of program
- Students will receive a Statement of Attainment listing all nationally recognised units of competency completed

Further Study Pathways:

- Students are encouraged to complete the remaining Units of the CHEC30321 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and placement hours once they complete their schooling studies.
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50121)
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

Career Opportunities:

This qualification offers pathways into diverse Early Childhood industries and roles, including:

- Early Childhood Educator (assistant level)
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Child Care Assistant
- Out of School Hours Care Assistant
- Nanny/Au Pair
- Family Day Care Worker
- Pathway to Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care or further University studies (teaching, psychology, social work)



How to apply:

All students must apply through their school VET Coordinator and submit their Expression of Interest by the required dates. Placement is subject to availability and school approval.

Fees: VET course and materials costs vary between courses. Refer to your VET Coordinator.

COURSE CODE	UNITS OF COMPETENCY (Guide only may vary between RTO's)
CHCECE056	Work effectively in children's education and care
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCECE037	Support children to connect with the natural environment
HLTFSE001	Follow basic food safety practices
CHCECE054	Meet legal and ethical obligations in children's education and care
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety
CHCECE038	Observe children to inform practice
CHCECE034	Use an approved learning framework to guide practice

*UOC's may differ from one RTO to another - these are listed as a guide. Check with your VET Coordinator



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