

Partnerships for Learning

Community Services Pathway

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Description

Completion of the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care provides students with both the theory and the practical experience that underpin workplace skills in the Child Care industry and various Community Services organisations. This course will give students a taste of the Child Care industry and develop a range of skills that will assist you in both the workplace and to relate to children in everyday life. Students will work on a range of activities, which focus on communication with children, behaviour guidance, occupational health and safety, preparing nutritious foods, basic administration and an introduction to the importance of play for children. The full qualification can be gained over 3 semesters. However, students can exit after 2 semesters with a Statement of Attainment (ie) partial completion of Certificate III.

Benefits for students

- A nationally industry accredited Certificate
- Highly practical and hands on experience
- Work Experience in a real industry environment not simulated
- Comprehensive work placement program
- If this qualification is started in Year 11, a full certificate could be achieved by the end of Stage 2 which may be used as a fourth flexible option in ATAR calculations

Pre-Course Experiences/Pre-requisites

The course is suitable for students who:

- will be in year 11 and 12
- have a passion for being part of the Community Services and Child Care Industry
- have a high literacy level needed for successful completion of course

A student selection process may be required for course entry.

All students need to obtain a DCSI screening check at their own cost before enrolling in the course (if over 16). A copy will be required on the 1st day of the course.

Course Location

Valley View Secondary School for the first 12 months of course delivery. Childcare environments for Work placements. Attendance at Charles Campbell College or Open Access College (or via OAC online) for the final 6 months of course delivery. (TBA)

Structured Work Placement

Students undertake a minimum 120 hours of work placement in the child-care industry. They are assessed on-the-job and this forms part of the student's Vocational Education and Training assessment requirements in completing the competencies required for the certificate.

Course Code: CHC30113 – RTO: Open Access College/MSC RTO – 40046

CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
CHCECE007	Develop positive and respectful relationships with children
CHCECE009	Use an approved learning framework to guide practice
CHCECE010	Support the holistic development of children in early childhood
CHCECE011	Provide experiences to support children's play and learning
CHCECE013	Use information about children to inform practice
CHCPRT001	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
HLTAID004	Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCECE006	Support behaviour of children and young people
BSBWOR301	Organise personal work priorities and development

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Special Requirements

Dress Code / Extra Clothing Required / Equipment:

- Student's School Uniform
- Clothes suitable for work placement

Career Pathways

Completion of Certificate III may lead to entry into Certificate IV or Diploma in Early Education and Care. On completion of Certificates, graduates may seek employment in positions such as Child Care worker, Family Daycare provider, Out-of-school hours worker, or Nanny.

Commencement Date: Week 3, Term 1

Length of Course: 3 semesters

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Class Size: Min: 18 to Max: 24

Location: VVSS – Child Studies Centre

SACE Credits: Stage 2 – 115 max

(Actual SACE credits will depend on units delivered and completed).

Cost (Per student): TGSS students: \$460

Fee for Service students: \$2000

Added Cost Description: DCSI Check, First Aid, Asthma/Anaphylaxis TOTAL= approx \$200

An appointment with the VET Coordinator or Counsellor in your school is required to enrol in this course.

Please Note: to the knowledge of the school providing this NEVO VET Course, information is correct at the time of publication.

CHCECE001	Develop cultural competence
CHCECE003	Provide care for children
CHCECE002	Ensure the health and safety of children
CHCECE005	Provide care for babies and toddlers
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety
CHCEDS011	Search and assess online Information
CHCECE004	Promote and provide healthy food and drinks