

Early Childhood Education and Care

Level

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care – CHC30113
OAC/MSC RTO – 40046



Course Length

Full year – Two days a week in a classroom setting plus work placement of a minimum of 120 hours on other weekdays.

Credit value

All units of competency are nationally recognised. Students will be issued with a Statement of Attainment for units of competency completed.

Students may wish to undertake study separate from, or in conjunction with, the SACE. Each 70 hours of successfully completed competencies contributes 10 Credits towards SACE Stage 2 completion.

Advice to students

An interview and completion of a numeracy and literacy task are required prior to enrolment. The course requires excellent literacy skills.

High level of interest in working and interacting with children is essential. No background knowledge is expected.

Additional costs will be incurred for Police Check, First Aid and 'Respond to Abuse and Neglect' training.

Course overview

The course content includes:

- Caring for children 0–6 years
- Child development skills
- Relationship skills
- Nutrition and food preparation
- Children's health and safety
- Work, health and safety
- Legal and ethical issues.

Assessment

The course includes 18 units which are assessed against national competencies.

Tasks are both theoretical and practical in nature.

In addition to the two days per week in the classroom, there is a required minimum of 120 hours of work placement utilising the other work days.

A work place assessor will attend on several occasions.

Pathways

The course is required for gaining employment in the industry and applying for higher level tertiary studies.

Further information

A satisfactory Child Related Employment criminal check is required prior to commencing work placement.