

CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Details

This qualification reflects the role of educators in early childhood education and care who work in regulated children's education and care services in Australia. Educators at this level are responsible for designing and implementing curriculum that meets the requirements of an approved learning framework and for maintaining compliance in other areas of service operations. They use specialised knowledge and analyse and apply theoretical concepts to diverse work situations. They may have responsibility for supervision of volunteers or other educators.

Early childhood educators work in long day care centres, family day care, pre-schools or kindergartens.

To achieve this qualification, the individual must have completed a total of least 280 hours of work in a regulated children's education and care service in Australia as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of units of competency. The total number of hours may be applied collectively across all units of competency that include the requirement for workplace hours. No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication. Under the Education and Care Services National Law (2011) the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) publishes lists of approved early childhood education and care qualifications and information regarding regulatory requirements here: www.acecqa.gov.au.

Student Selection and Entry requirements Persons with the language, literacy & numeracy skills to fulfil their job role & complete course AND meet industry vaccination mandates.

Entry to this qualification is open to individuals who hold either:

- CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Student Intake All year (except for end of year closure)

Delivery Mode Online with support from CTA Trainers and Assessors

Course Duration Maximum 18 months part-time or 6 months full-time

Practical Component Student must be either employed and working in a Regulated Early Childhood Education and Care setting OR be able to secure a Volunteer Placement for a minimum 280 hours on enrolment (confirmation from centre required)

How is the Course Delivered & Assessed?

The course knowledge is delivered and assessed online, Concurrent to gaining knowledge you will either be working or volunteering in a regulated early childhood education and care setting to learn, and practice the practical skills imbedded into the course. Evidence relating to your practical skills is gathered by the assessor and involves a mix of observations, supervisor reports and projects, depending on the unit requirements.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Have you gained knowledge and skills through your work, life experience, training or education? You may be halfway to a qualification and not realise it. Even if you have never formally studied or trained in a particular area, you may be able to have your skills formally recognised. Recognition of your current skills and knowledge can occur through credit transfer or recognition of prior learning.

What Is Involved?

As part of the recognition of prior learning process an assessor will determine if you hold the knowledge and skills relevant to the unit/course you are seeking RPL in. This involves you answering a set of questions for each unit and providing proof that your skills and experience are current within the early childhood industry.

Credit Transfer (CT)

If you have completed past studies in areas related to the qualification you plan to enrol in you may be eligible for credit transfer. You will need to provide a Statement of Attainment matching the unit of competency you are seeking credit.

Fees

<p>Higher Level Skills (HLS) Student Co-contribution fees</p>	<p>\$30 on enrolment (no refund) plus cost of HLTAID012 First-aid Certificate if student cannot provide a copy on enrolment.</p> <p>\$15 for concession card holders on enrolment (no refund) plus cost of HLTAID012 First-aid Certificate if student cannot provide a copy on enrolment.</p>
	<p>Eligibility for a HLS training subsidy by the QLD State Govt. includes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be aged 15 years or over and no longer at school. • permanently reside in Queensland • be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident (includes humanitarian entrant), temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency, or a New Zealand citizen. • not hold, and not be enrolled in, a certificate IV or higher-level qualification, not including qualifications completed at school and foundation skills training. <p>The Higher-Level Skills program aims to assist individuals to gain the higher-level skills required to secure employment or career advancement in a priority industry, or to transition to university to further their studies.</p> <p>Refer to the QLD Govt. VET Investment Plan Student Factsheet for more information https://desbt.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/7784/hls-student-factsheet.pdf</p>
<p>User Choice Apprenticeships Student Co-contribution fees</p>	<p>Co-contribution fees for apprentices over 25</p> <p>\$2156.80 Payment Plan available</p> <p>\$1294.08 *Concession Payment Plan available</p>
	<p>To be eligible to receive a government contribution, the apprentice or trainee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have entered into a Training Contract for a qualification that is funded by the department be registered on DELTA with a commencement date or recommencement date on or after 1 July 2021 • select a training provider that holds SAS status for their nominated qualification. <p>*(Concession) Partial exemption of tuition fees of 40% apply if the applicant falls into one of the categories below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was or will be under 17 at the end of February in the year in which training commences, providing the applicant is not at school and hasn't completed year 12. Dependent DESBT training initiatives i.e., https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/providers/funded/freeapprenticeships • Holds a health care card or pensioner card, or is the partner or a dependant of a person who holds a health care card or pensioner card, and named on the card • The applicant provides an official form under Commonwealth law confirming the applicant, his or her partner or the person of whom the applicant is dependant, is entitled to concessions under a health care card. • The applicant is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. <p>Full exemption (short summary) from the student contribution fee where the participant falls into one or more of the following exemption categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment of the student contribution fee would cause extreme financial hardship, • Queensland Government, as represented by the departmental officer responsible for the User Choice budget, advises in writing that fees are optional. • Where credit transfer/national recognition has been applied to a unit of competency/module • The participant is a school-based apprentice or trainee.
<p>Fee for Service</p>	<p>\$5200.00 plus First-aid Payment Plan available (includes \$300 enrolment fee)</p>
<p>Face to Face Classes</p>	<p>On application and group basis</p>
<p>VETiS (Schools)</p>	<p>As per school Partnership Agreement (SATS fully funded otherwise Fee for Service)</p>

The Enrolment fee (if applicable) is non-refundable as are courses fees once students commence training. Fees and conditions are aligned to government funding conditions. Refer to fee policy on enrolment form for further information.

Resources

Learning resources supplied online (CTA trainers will show you how to use the online system) are included in the course cost. Additional charges will apply for printing of learning resources, if requested. Please check before enrolment.

Job Roles

Early Childhood Educator School Age Education and Care Provider

Outcome

On *successful* completion of all units within this qualification, participants may receive a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Course Pathway

Tertiary Studies

Industry Placement

Students enrolling in this program will be required to complete a mandatory 280 hours in a regulated early childhood education and care setting.

Centrelink Eligibility

If you are eligible for assistance, contact Centrelink for details of study assistance for this course before enrolment.

Units (12 Core units plus 3 Elective units)

Unit Code	Unit Title	
CHCECE041	Maintain a safe and healthy environment for children	c
CHCECE042	Foster holistic early childhood learning, development and wellbeing (280hrs)	c
CHCECE043	Nurture creativity in children	c
CHCECE044	Facilitate compliance in a children's education and care service	c
CHCECE045	Foster positive and respectful interactions and behaviour in children	c
CHCECE046	Implement strategies for the inclusion of all children	c
CHCECE047	Analyse information to inform children's learning	c
CHCECE048	Plan and implement children's education and care curriculum (280) *	c
CHCECE049	Embed environmental responsibility in service operations	c
CHCECE050	Work in partnership with children's families	c
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice	c
BSBTWK502	Manage team effectiveness	c
CHCINM002	Meet community information needs	e
CHCPOL002	Develop and implement policy	e
CHCPRT025	Identify and report children and young people at risk	e