

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care

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Course Type

Accredited Course;
VDSS

Course Code

CHC30121

Campus

Bairnsdale
Leongatha
Morwell
Warragul
Port of Sale

Completion

Partial

Duration

2 years

Scored Assessment

No

VET in VCE

Yes

Structured Workplace Learning

Yes

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Proposed Units

HLTAID012 Provide first aid in an education and care setting
HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety
CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
CHCPRT001 Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
CHCECE056 Work effectively in children's education and care
CHCECE055 Meet legal and ethical obligations in children's education and care
CHCECE037 Support children to connect with the natural environment
CHCECE054 Encourage understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples' culture
CHCECE038 Observe children to inform practice

Pre-Requisites

Nil

Clothing and Equipment

- Students will need to comply with dress regulations when on Structured Workplace Learning
- TAFE Gippsland branded uniform shirt will be supplied
- Students must have access to a computer and Internet

Pathways

- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

Potential Job Outcomes

- Early Childhood Educator or Kindergarten Assistant
- Nanny
- Family Day Care
- Support worker

Entry Requirements

Mandatory entry requirements:

- Students must obtain a clear police check and working with children's check to be eligible to complete the placement hours required.
- To attend placement, students are required to have three COVID-19 vaccinations as determined by the State Government on public health recommendations. Students are required to have the third COVID-19 vaccination by March 25th, 2022. Further information can be found [here](#)

Recommended entry requirements:

- Early Childhood services will not hire anyone under the age of 18. This information is relayed to prospective students during the enrolment process. Recommendation is that students should be a minimum 17 years of age to undertake the course.

Limitations to entry:**Inherent requirements for Early Childhood**

- **Physical activities:** The work is likely to require a certain amount of physical activity, such as:
 - Standing - often for long periods of time
 - Sitting - down at a child's level
 - Bending - lifting and setting up play areas, changing nappies, making cots
 - Walking - supervising children in both the indoor and outdoor environments
 - Heavy lifting (>15kg) - sometimes lifting children or moving furniture
 - Providing a child safe environment, (being able to move quickly if a child is in danger)
 - Providing basic physical and emotional care for students (assisting with toileting and nappy changes/managing behaviour)
 - Supervision of indoor and outdoor environment
 - Lifting of children, nappy changes etc.
 - Set up and put away materials both indoor and outdoor where required
 - Standing for long periods of time, being able to get down to a child's level and engage in activities which may be at a table or floor level

Course cost

For the course cost please visit the TAFE Gippsland website or call 1300 133 717.