

CHC30125 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

(CRICOS Course Code: 120690D)

International Students

Course Description

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. They support children's wellbeing, and development in the context of an approved learning framework. Educators use a range of well-developed skills and knowledge using discretion and judgment when carrying out their work in the context of established policies and procedures. They may work independently or under the guidance of others, though in some contexts that guidance may not be on-site.

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 at least 160 hours of work in a regulated children's education and care service in Australia as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of units of competency. Individuals must complete the National Child Safety Training prior to undertaking any work placement hours in a regulated children's education and care service. The total number of hours may be applied collectively across all units of competency that include the requirement for workplace hours.

Licensing/regulatory information

Under the Education and Care Services National Law (as applied in each state and territory) 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.

The Education and Care Services National Law (Section 162B) now requires all individuals working or volunteering in a regulated children's education and care service to complete mandated National Child Safety Training. This training is separate from the units of competency within this qualification. Further information on who needs to complete the Foundation and/or Advanced National Child Safety Training, timeframes for completing the training, and how to access the training can be found at acecqa.gov.au.



Duration

48 Weeks - Full Time Study (including a maximum of 8 weeks breaks)

Pathways

Pathways from the qualification

After achieving this qualification, students may continue their studies in CHC50125 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Employment Opportunities

Job roles include:

- Early childhood educator
- Playgroup supervisor
- Family day care worker
- Nanny
- Childhood Education Assistant

Modes of Study

The modes of study include:

- Online and face-to-face training
- Work placement
- Self-study

Assessment Methods

Assessment methods include written work, projects, case studies, observations, and logbooks. Students are required to do 160 hours of work placement as part of assessment. Student work placement will be organised by the College.

Entry Requirements

- 18 years or older
- Satisfactorily completed year 11 or equivalent
- IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
- Successful completion of the college's LLN (Language, Literacy and Numeracy) test and digital literacy assessment
- Must have:
 - Access to a computer (with Adobe Reader, Microsoft Word and a web browser)
 - Access to the Internet
 - Access to a video and audio recording device
 - Computer skills including an understanding of how to access an online video conferencing software, how to use Microsoft Word and Adobe Reader, and be able to download, scan and upload documents, and how to access online materials

If you need any help regarding access to a computer and meeting the computer skill requirements, the college can provide support for you.

Applicants with no formal qualifications and who are commencing within the relevant industry may also be considered for entry into the course.

Additional Requirements:

Before commencing work placement, learners are required to provide:

- A Working with Children Check
- A Federal Police Check (name check), no more than 6 months
- National child safety training completion certificate
- Evidence of up-to-date vaccination as required

Course Contents/ Units of Competency

CORE UNITS

- CHCECE030 Support inclusion and diversity
- CHCECE031 Support children's health, safety and wellbeing
- CHCECE032 Nurture babies and toddlers
- CHCECE033 Develop positive and respectful relationships with children
- CHCECE034 Use an approved learning framework to guide practice
- CHCECE035 Support the holistic learning and development of children
- CHCECE036 Provide experiences to support children's play and learning

- CHCECE037 Support children to connect with the natural environment
 - CHCECE038 Observe children to inform practice
 - CHCECE054 Encourage understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples' cultures
 - CHCECE055 Meet legal and ethical obligations in children's education and care
 - CHCECE056 Work effectively in children's education and care
 - CHCPRT025 Identify and report children and young people at risk
 - HLTAID012 Provide First Aid in an education and care setting
 - HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety
- ##### ELECTIVE UNITS
- CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
 - CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice



Elective units have been selected by the College in consultation with industry experts.

Training Product Status: Current
Training Product Release Date: 17 July 2026

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer

A learner may be able to apply for RPL if they have gained competency from work, other programs, courses, life experience or training provided at work that is relevant to the course. The College recognises the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other registered training organisations.

Campus Location

Level 9, 120 Spencer Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, Australia

How to Apply

Complete an Application Form and submit it to the College. Form available on <https://www.melbournecitycollege.edu.au/how-to-apply>.

Important Information

Commencement Dates:

<https://www.melbournecitycollege.edu.au/commencement-dates>

Fees & Charges:

Please check on <https://www.melbournecitycollege.edu.au/course-fees>

Policies & Procedures (Including Refunds):

<https://www.melbournecitycollege.edu.au/policy-procedures>

For further information such as student support services, timetables and other information regarding the College, please visit: <https://www.melbournecitycollege.edu.au/>

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