# CHC30121 CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE



# WHY STUDY EARLY CHILDHOOD?

The demand for skilled and passionate early childhood educators is increasing, and there are many opportunities for career advancement in this industry.

As an early childhood educator, you can make a real difference in the lives of children, families and your local community. Through safe, nurturing and inclusive education and care, you can support and enhance children's development in their early years - that's a really rewarding job!

# WHO SHOULD ENROL?

This course is suitable for people with the following qualities, wishing to work in the Early Childhood sector:

- the ability to read, write and speak English
- the ability to work with people in difficult situations and circumstances
- empathy, patience and the capacity to empower others
- good organisational skills
- the ability to multitask and respond well to change
- · adequate fitness and mobility
- a passion to teaching
- love for young children
- a caring and compassionate nature

# CAREER PATHWAYS

People who hold their Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care qualification assist with the education and care of children aged birth to 6 years.

This course will help you prepare for roles like:

- · Early Childhood Educator
- Childcare Worker
- · Family Day Care Educator
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Afterschool Carer
- Long Day Care Centre Educator
- Nanny

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Individuals undertaking this course will be expected to have suitable language, literacy, numeracy and digital skills, good verbal and written communication skills, and be required to undertake a Pre-Enrolment Interview and a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills assessment.



# **COURSE OUTLINE**

This course will allow you to begin a rewarding career as an Early Childhood Educator. You will learn to provide safe, nurturing and meaningful environments and interactions with children in a fun and playful setting, and how to support children's wellbeing, learning and development.

Through a mix of theory and practical course work, learn to:

- care for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers
- · ensure children's health, safety and wellbeing
- promote good nutrition and positive meal experiences
- use an approved learning framework
- support holistic development through play and learning
- identify and respond to children at risk
- perform emergency first aid
- promote cultural competence

# **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

To obtain your qualification, a successful completion a total of 17 units needs to be completed. This consists of 15 core units and 2 elective units.

In addition to the completion of the units, you will be required to complete a minimum of 160 hours vocational placement in an approved early childhood education and care setting. Yarrawonga Mulwala Community & Learning Centre (YMCLC) is responsible for organising vocational placement.

You will be required to obtain or hold a current Working with Children's Check (WWCC) to enable participation in the vocational placement component of the course. A volunteer WWCC is free.

# UNITS

The following units are delivered as part of this qualification.

#### **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
- 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 people's cultures
- CHCECE055 Meet legal and ethical obligations in children's education and care
- CHCECE056 Work effectively in children's education and care
- CHCPRT001 Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
- HLTAID012 Provide First Aid in an education and care setting
- HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety

#### **ELECTIVES**

- CHCDIVO01 Work with diverse people
- · BSBSTR401 Promote innovation in team environments

# **DELIVERY METHOD**

Delivery of this course is via a blended model, consisting of faceto-face classes, an online component and vocational placement.

All equipment and resources are provided for students enrolling in this course.

Classes are held in Yarrawonga from 9.00am to 3.30pm on Tuesdays.

# IS WHAT I KNOW ALREADY TAKEN INTO **ACCOUNT?**

Your life and work experience as well as formal and informal training may be recognised using the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer processes. This will be discussed during your Pre-Enrolment Interview.

# **FEES**

Our current fees as of 1 January 2025 for this qualification are:

- Fee for Service \$6050
- Funded \$850
- Concession/Asylum Seeker \$600
- Aboriginal Access \$497

YMCLC requires all students to pay the applicable tuition fee, by either:

- Paying the entire tuition fee upfront if less than \$1,500.
- · Entering into a payment agreement.

Fees can be paid by:

- · Direct bank transfer
- EFTPOS (at our Learning Centre)
- Cash

# WHY STUDY WITH YMCLC

YMCLC is a not-for-profit community-based organisation with four core functions:

- Neighbourhood House
- Adult and Community Education
- Services Australia Agency
- Community, Welfare and Social Programs

We pride ourselves on being accessible and welcoming to all, providing a broad range of quality programs, services and activities to increase life opportunities, choices and skills.

We believe it's never too late to learn something new. Knowledge is power; it unlocks opportunities, it enlightens us and gives us control across all areas of our life. We foster personal growth, create meaningful connections and support individuals to reach their potential. We welcome everyone to our Learning Centre, where they can learn new skills, make new connections, increase life opportunities, so that they are empowered to live their best life.

### **AWARDS**

2024 Moira Shire Business Award for "Most Accessible Business"

