Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

This qualification is required for gaining entry level employment in the early childhood education and care sector. The course covers the development and care of children from birth to twelve years. Students will learn best practice around how to promote children’s health development and wellbeing. It also covers how to observe, plan and document development of children through planned experiences. Students must complete a minimum of 150 hours practical placement in a regulated early learning centre. Students learn how to implement an approved learning framework within the requirements of the Education and Care Services National Regulations and the National Quality Standards. Those who complete the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30113) can have direct entry to the 2nd year of the Diploma (CHC50113).

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

- Early Childhood Educator
- Outside School Hours Care Assistant
- Playgroup Supervisor
- Recreation Assistant
- Family Day Care Educator
- Nanny
- Child Care Educator

Pathways

The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care provides a pathway to further study at South West TAFE. Credits from the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care can be used towards the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Placement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of practical placement in a regulated early childhood service. Placement will be 1 day per week.

Information Session

Why don’t you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course
experts.

Find the next info session near you

Course in Transition

Industry is constantly having input into training packages to ensure course content is relevant and industry specific. Where this occurs, the course code, title, units and content may change in the future and you may be enrolled into the new qualification. If relevant, further information will be provided on our website, upon enrolment and/or during the course of your training.

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

Entry Requirements for this course include:

- Demonstrated desire and suitability to work in the early childhood field.
- Successful application for a current Working with Children Card

Another entry requirement into this course is for you to have a careers consultation with the Skills and Jobs Centre. After submitting your online application, a member of the Skills and Jobs Centre team will be in contact with you to make an appointment.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 18 units; 15 core and 3 electives.

Units offered

Core Units

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<td>Provide Experiences to Support Childrens Play and Learning</td>
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Pre-training review

The pre-training review assists SWTAFE staff to determine whether this course is the most suitable for you at this time, and also identify any support needs you may require once you commence your studies. It takes about an hour to complete. Once you apply for your chosen course a link to the pre-training review will be emailed to you.

Skills Recognition

Your current skills, knowledge and experience can contribute to help you get a qualification. Learn more about skills recognition and how it may benefit you here.

Unique Student Identifier

If you are studying nationally recognised training in Australia, you are required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Your USI links to an online account that contains your training records and results for training completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. One of the main benefits of the USI is the ability to provide you with easy access to your training records and results throughout your life and this will assist you when applying for a job or enrolling in further study. You are required to have a USI at the time of enrolment – especially if you want to use VET Student Loans to defer your fees. To apply online or get more information go to www.usi.gov.au.

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute’s simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

Fees
This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Maximum Consumables/Materials Fees

Maximum Consumables/Materials Fees are made up of course consumables, core unit consumables and the maximum elective units you will pay. Final costs will be determined at enrolment.

Booklist

Your course may require you to purchase additional materials or books. You can choose where to purchase these items from. You can download the booklist for this course here: [https://swtafe.edu.au/media/1773/booklist-certificate-iii-in-early-childhood-education-and-care.pdf](https://swtafe.edu.au/media/1773/booklist-certificate-iii-in-early-childhood-education-and-care.pdf)

Course Fees

Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. Your fees each year are made up of 2 different elements:

- Tuition fee
- Consumables/material fee

There are 3 different rates of Tuition fees. Only one will apply to you depending on your eligibility and circumstances. The 3 categories include:

- Government subsidised
- Government subsidised (concession)
- Full fee

The fees listed below are indicative only and may be subject to change without notice and given individual circumstances. Your actual fees will be calculated based on your individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.

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Which fee applies to me?

Skills First Exemptions

Government eligibility exemptions for TAFE via Skills First funding gives you greater access to study with TAFE at an affordable price.

The good news is, that there are now a reduced number of criteria for you to meet in order to be eligible for a Government subsidy. If you don’t meet those criteria you will be a full fee paying student.

Government Subsidised Fee

You meet all Skills First eligibility criteria but DO NOT hold a current healthcare or pension card, OR you are eligible for a Skills First exemption.

Concession Fee

You meet all eligibility criteria AND hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment. It’s important to
note that the concession rate is only applicable for Certificate I to Certificate IV courses and students who have declared their ATSI origin.

**Full fee**
Full fees only apply to the few students who do not meet the Skills First eligibility criteria, do not qualify for an exemption or are enrolling in course that is not government subsidised.

[Check your fees eligibility here.](#)

**How do I pay my fees?**

Unless an alternative fee payment method is approved, your course fees are required to be paid upfront and in full at the time of enrolment. If your personal circumstances mean that payment in full is not possible, then you may be able to pay your fees by:

- Payment Plan
- Centre Pay
- VET Student Loan (Diploma & Advanced Diploma only)

SWTAFE offers a range of scholarships each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with enrolment fees.

**Next Steps**

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.*

**Student Support**

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page.](#)

**Careers and Course Advice**

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our [Pathfinders Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you’re exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we’re here to help you. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au

**Apply Now**

Apply now for a place in our next course intake. Places for courses are limited, so it’s best to get in soon so you don’t miss out. You’ll need to complete an application form which you can do [online here](#) or by speaking with our Customer Service team. We invite you to come and see us at one of our campuses in Warrnambool, Colac, Portland or Hamilton and a team member will ensure you are taken care of.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please chat to our Customer Service team on 1300 648 911.