

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care



Interested in working with young children and inspiring the next generation of young learners?

Course Overview

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is the minimum requirement to work in the early childhood education and care sector. This qualification provides entry-level job pathways in early childhood centres, home-based care, and before and after school hours care. Many of our students go on to study higher-level courses while employed within the field.

Delivery mode:



Classroom | 12 months

Two days a week in the classroom, online self-study activities and 180 hours of work placement is required to be completed in three placement blocks throughout the course.

Intake: February and July
Check the website for locations



Work-based and Traineeship | 12 months

Self-paced online learning using interactive eLearning content. Regular sessions with your trainer in the workplace to support your studies.

Intake: Enrol anytime



Online | 12-18 months

Self-paced online learning delivered using interactive eLearning content. Learning is complemented with regular webinars with your trainer and additional study support where available. 180 hours of work placement is required to be completed in three placement blocks throughout the course.

Intake: February, April, July and October

Career opportunities:

- Kindergarten Assistant
- Family Day Care Educator
- Playgroup Assistant
- Early Childhood Educators

Who should enrol?

People who would like to pursue a career in the children's services industry.

Language, Literacy and Numeracy assistance

Students enrolling in a CIRE Training accredited course will be required to undertake a Literacy, Language and Numeracy assessment. This is to ensure that you have the required skills to complete the course successfully. Students who need assistance will be offered support through a class or individual support program.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

You may be eligible to apply for RPL if you have evidence of knowledge and skills achieved that meet the competency requirements of your chosen qualification. Applicants may be awarded full or partial qualifications based on their RPL assessment. If you have previous qualifications, work or life experiences be sure to mention them in your pre-enrolment interview.

Fees, charges and eligibility criteria

For the fees, charges and eligibility criteria please visit www.cire.org.au

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
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

Elective Units

CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice

For further information or to enrol:

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