



## Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (part of a package)

CRICOS Code	081611B
National Code	CHC50113
Course Number	P25281
Qualification	Diploma
Study Area	Childrens Services
Course Type	Stand alone
Training Package	Community Services

### Description

This course is packaged with other courses. To study this course, you must apply for the **CIII in Early Childhood Education and Care** and **Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care**.

This course is for people who want to work as an early childhood educator in a centre-based service or family day care. This level of educator is responsible for planning, implementing and managing programs in early childhood education and care services in accordance with legislative requirements and is often responsible for the supervision of others.

You will gain skills and knowledge in how to use a national learning framework, regulations and quality standards to support the education and care of children from birth to school age. You will be able to document, plan and evaluate children's play and learning while ensuring children's health and safety. You will be able to support the holistic development of children birth to school age and manage a children's service to address regulations and quality assurance.

Workers in this role may have responsibility for supervision of volunteers or other staff.

### Entry Requirements

Academic

Year 10 or equivalent

English

Academic IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL (iBT) 46 or Certificate 3 in Advanced English for Further Study at TAFE NSW or equivalent

Course

Certificate 3 in Early Childhood Education and Care (Course No. 25272) is not a mandatory pre-requisite. However many students choose to package the Certificate 3 in Children's Services (Course No. S25272) with the Diploma so that they can find employment in the sector on completion of the Certificate 3.

PACKAGE Delivery Pattern: Students applying for the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (1.5 years) will complete 25272 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (0.5 year) + 25281 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (1 year). Academic IELTS 5.5 required for entry to packaged Diploma.

If you are seeking to enrol in a First Aid unit of competency you are advised that to complete the unit you must be able to perform basic life support skills, for example perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If you have a disability that would prevent you from performing required basic life support skills you are advised that you will not be able to achieve the unit of competency.

A Working With Children Check is compulsory.

### **Work placement**

Workplace learning ('on-the-job' training), is required for the achievement of competencies in the Diploma. A minimum of 300 hours of workplace learning is required, comprising 240 hours in a real workplace (over 2 semesters) and 60 hours of simulated in-class activity. Workplace learning is not paid. A teacher will secure a work placement for you and assist in the organisation of the workplace learning and associated workplace activities in line with TAFE NSW policy.

A Working With Children Check is compulsory.

### **Career opportunities**

Qualified child care worker

Team leader

Group leader

Program leader

Service/centre manager

Service director

Children's adviser

Child development worker or special needs inclusive worker.

Under the Children's Services Regulation 2004 you cannot be employed in Children's Services until you are 18 years of age.

### **Additional information**

In NSW you need a minimum of one year's experience, gained after the Diploma qualification, to apply for the role of an authorised supervisor of a child care centre. See the Trades Recognition Australia (TRA) requirements.

### **Future study options**

On completion of this course, you have the option of continuing to study with us. We offer the CSU Bachelor of Education (Birth - 5 years) at Crows Nest Campus.

TAFE NSW Diploma-to-Degree (D2D) university pathway programs allow students to enter a Bachelor Degree program with guaranteed credit at leading universities in Sydney and NSW. Visa requirements may apply.

Find out more about Diploma-to-Degree university pathways. Bachelor of Arts (Pathway to Teaching Birth - 5/Birth -12)

### **Core units**

Design, implement and evaluate programs and care routines for children

Establish and implement plans for developing cooperative behaviour

Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for children

Foster children's language and communication development

Foster cognitive development in early childhood

Foster physical development in early childhood

Foster social development in early childhood

Gather, interpret and use information about children

Manage children's services workplace practice to address regulations and quality assurance

Organise experiences to facilitate and enhance children's development

Plan and implement inclusion of children with additional needs

Support emotional and psychological development in early childhood

Work in partnership with families to provide appropriate care for children

Students must complete all core units and any additional units that may be required.

Additional units (either compulsory or elective) are chosen by the teaching staff and may vary by campus and semester.

### **Course related fees**

Additional costs for uniforms, equipment, textbooks and materials (if applicable) range

from A\$300 - \$1,000 per course

Campus	Duration	Fee	Date
Crows Nest	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Feb 2016
Crows Nest	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Jul 2016
Meadowbank	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Feb 2016
Meadowbank	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Jul 2016
Meadowbank	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Feb 2017
Meadowbank	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Jul 2017
St Leonards	1.5 Years	A\$19,320	Feb 2017
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For further general information about qualifications, work placement, articulation, facilities and equipment, assessment and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) please contact us.

The Northern Sydney Institute, part of TAFE NSW continuously reviews its course curriculum to ensure that it meets current industry requirements and reserves the right to withdraw and change courses at short notice. Please note that tuition fees and locations are also subject to review and/or change at any time.