

Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113)



The Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care prepares learners to become qualified early childhood educators and provides the skills, knowledge and understanding required for this demanding and rewarding career.

Qualified early childhood educators have responsibility for the supervision of staff, students and volunteers. In most states, this is the qualification required at director or service manager level. This course provides a qualification that is recognised throughout Australia and educators are in extremely high demand.

Career options

Graduates will often work in long day care centres where they are responsible for providing a program of care and education to children under six. They may also gain positions in the following roles:

- » Occasional care
- » Preschool
- » Family day care
- » Aides for children with additional needs

Further career paths can lead to established areas in early childhood including teaching and assessing.

COURSE CODE	CHC50113
PREREQUISITES	There are no prerequisites for this course. Learners must obtain a Working With Children Check.
DURATION	Full-time learners 15 – 18 months Part-time learners 18 months – 2 years Online Blended learners 16 – 18 months
DELIVERY METHOD	This course is offered as fortnightly (fulltime)/monthly (parttime) classroom based training or weekly online blended with one monthly face-to-face class
FEES AND FUNDING	Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding and student loans through VET FEE-HELP are available to eligible applicants.  Please see the Gowrie Victoria website for more information on fees and funding. Fees include all books and media.

Course structure

This qualification consists of a combination of theory-based training and practical implementation in the workplace. Learners will be required to complete 480 hours of work placement. Learners who have the current CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care will only be required to complete 360 hours of work placement. Organisation of learner work placement is supported by Gowrie Victoria and the learner is mentored by regular visits from a Gowrie Victoria trainer.

Course Content

- » Work legally and ethically.
- » Identify and respond to children and young people at risk.
- » Use an approved learning framework to guide practice.
- » Ensure the health and safety of children.
- » Promote and provide healthy food and drink.
- » Maintain work health and safety.
- » Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting.
- » Develop cultural competence.
- » Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.
- » Provide care for babies and toddlers.
- » Provide care for children.
- » Develop positive and respectful relationships with children.
- » Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for children.
- » Foster the holistic development and wellbeing of the child in early childhood.
- » Nurture creativity in children.
- » Facilitate compliance in an education and care service.
- » Establish and implement plans for developing cooperative behaviour.
- » Implement strategies for the inclusion of all children.
- » Promote children's agency.
- » Analyse information to inform learning.
- » Design and implement the curriculum to foster children's learning and development.
- » Embed sustainable practices in service operations.
- » Work in partnership with families to provide appropriate education and care for children.
- » Develop teams and individuals.
- » Lead the work team.
- » Reflect on and improve own practice.
- » Develop and implement policy.
- » Develop workplace policy and procedure for sustainability.

Eligibility

Learners must be at least 15 years of age and be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

If you are currently employed, you may be eligible for a traineeship. Ask your employer for more information.

Gowrie Victoria encourages people with disabilities to apply. Approval will be subject to the person being able to undertake all tasks and requirements of the course.

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Recognition

Learners are able to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning, Recognition of Current Competency and/or Credit Transfers by providing Statements of Attainment issued by other Registered Training Organisations in Australia.

How to apply

For more information about courses and/or how to apply, visit www.gowrievictoria.edu.au.

To discuss our courses and make an appointment for an interview please contact Gowrie Victoria.

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