

# Start your career in the booming early childhood industry

## Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care

Early childhood education and care is one of the fastest growing industries in Australia with high demand for skilled and qualified professionals. Our nationally recognised qualification Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care provides you with the understanding and skills to support the wellbeing, learning and development of young children.

CHC30125 | Online - (Self Paced) Study



### Future growth:

Employment is projected to increase by 22% by 2024 \*



### Weekly pay: \$993

Median for full-time non-managerial employees before tax \*



### Employers who would recommend MCIE: 90%\*\*

\*Statistics from JobOutlook

\*\* Data from 2021 VET Stat

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For pricing, job outcomes, further education options, entry & eligibility requirements & all course information, scan the QR code.

- ✓ **Nationally accredited** – Gain a qualification recognised across Australia.
- ✓ **Flexible learning** – Study while working with workplace-based training options.
- ✓ **High-demand industry** – Early Childhood Educators are needed now more than ever!

### Course structure

- The course consists of 17 units in total with 15 core units and 3 electives to be completed over between 12 and 24 months
- Studying for the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is flexible and can be tailored to suit your needs and time commitments. The course is broken down into two parts: Online Theory and Work Placement.

*This course is also available as a traineeship for domestic (local) students.*

### Career pathways

- Early Childhood Educator
- Childcare Assistant
- Assistant Educator
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Preschool Assistant
- Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator
- Family Day Care Educator
- In-Home Care Educator
- Nanny
- Playgroup Assistant
- Childcare Worker

### Delivery and assessment

This course is delivered online in a self-paced format through MCIE's learning management system (aXcelerate LMS) and student portal, supported by scheduled trainer-led sessions. You'll complete course content and assessments online and participate in live training each week, with access to tutorials and learning support. Work-placement will be undertaken at a MCIE approved Early Childhood Education and Care service.

Assessments include written short answer questions, case study/scenario and practical demonstrations and work placement portfolio and reflective journal.

### Student support

You'll be supported throughout your study with structured weekly contact and access to learning assistance. Students can participate in **3 hours of scheduled webinar** AM and PM sessions each week (via Microsoft Teams) and have **optional 1 hour per month of tutorial and supported learning**. Additional support can be discussed through the Pre-Training Review and arranged where appropriate, including reasonable adjustments and study assistance as needed.

### Digital technology

To successfully participate in this course, students need access to a computer or laptop and reliable internet, plus the digital literacy skills to navigate online learning, complete assessments, and communicate with trainers. You will use MCIE's aXcelerate LMS and student portal to access learning materials, submit assessments (including attaching/uploading documents), and receive updates. You'll also need access to Microsoft Teams (or the platform used by MCIE) with a webcam and microphone for scheduled online training sessions.

### Work placement

Students must complete **160 mandatory placement hours** for the work-based training component of this program. Students are required to find placement in a licensed Long Day Care setting, with an appropriate range of work tasks and ratios of children, and access to a qualified supervisor (i.e. a person who holds a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care or equivalent).

You can look up eligible services by using this link: <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/resources/national-registers>

MCIE can organise your work placement for a \$300 fee if required.

### Location

Training is delivered online, with live sessions held via Microsoft Teams. Mandatory work placement is completed in approved Early Childhood Education and Care service.

### 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
CHCPRT025	Identify and report 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
BSBPEF301	Organise personal work priorities

*Elective units have been chosen by MCIE based on industry consultation and feedback.*

### Industry requirements (for placement)

Host employers may require students to provide evidence of the following (all evidence must be current at the time of placement). Requirements vary according to workplace policies and may be at the student's cost unless advised otherwise:

- National Police Check
- Working with Children Check
- National Mandatory Child Safety Training - Foundation Course (by 27th August 2026)
- First Aid Certificate - HLTAID012 /CPR
- Immunisation evidence where required by the host organisation (e.g., influenza, COVID-19)
- Other requirements as per host workplace policies.

### Credit transfer and RPL

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer (CT) are available to eligible students. Credit Transfer is free of charge, while RPL applications are subject to [fees](#).

