

Available to: Years 10, 11 and 12
Length: 15 weeks
Accreditation: 10 SACE credits – Stage 1

If you enjoy being with children and have patience, understanding, energy, adaptability and a willingness to take responsibility, this is the first step towards a career working in Children's Services and a prerequisite requirement for completion of the Diploma of Children's Services.

This course gives students nationally recognised qualifications to work in child care centres, vacation care centres, family day care centres and home-based care services. You will learn about appropriate interaction with children and fulfilling their physical, emotional and self-care needs.

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Students must be prepared to, and be physically able to perform tasks at the childcare Centre. Students are required to have, as a minimum, the level of literacy necessary to cope with and the ability to manage the Certificate II subjects.

Students with additional learning needs will need to contact their VET Coordinator prior to being accepted into the course. The course may be able to be customised to the student's ability.

Prior knowledge of this is required before the student will be accepted.

Aspects to consider:

- Students gain SACE credits and National Accreditation
- Genuine interest in the Child Care Industry
- Students must be prepared to complete their study once a week **during school hours** from **9am to 3pm**
- There will be 2 hours of theory in the morning and the afternoon will be spent doing practical work within the Childcare Centre rooms
- These lessons are conducted off campus at a childcare centre every Wednesday
- Students develop independent learning skills
- Students are required to attend **on the job training** in a child care centre **during school time**. This work placement allows students to experience caring and educating young children from 0-5 years of age. Students must have a **Workplace Learning Agreement form** signed by their School **prior to commencing the course**. (please see your VET Coordinator for this form and the process)
- Students aged 16 years and over are required to have a current **National Police Clearance prior to commencing the course. Students under 16 are required to have a Statutory Declaration** signed by their school. (please see your VET Coordinator for forms and information)
- Cost (see your VET Coordinator)

Content:

CHCCN301A	Ensure health and safety of children	60 hours
CHCCN303A	Contribute to provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner	20 hours

Assessment:

Written and verbal assignments, practical demonstrations, group work, action research and on the job competency based assessment

Qualifications gained:

Accreditation of units towards CHC20108 Certificate II in Community Services

Course pathway:

Certificate II in Community Services, Certificate III and Diploma of Children's Services

Contact: School VET Coordinator