

**Certificate III in  
Early Childhood Education and Care (VDSS)  
COURSE CODE: CHC30121**

**Description:**

Are you passionate about working with children and supporting their growth and development? This course gives you the essential skills to begin a meaningful career in early childhood education.

Students will learn relevant policies and procedures to ensure children's safety, promote inclusive practices, and begin to develop the knowledge and skills to commence an exciting career in the early childhood education and care sector.

There is a Structured Workplace Learning component of this course that must be completed.

This program is for a partial completion of the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. For students who wish to complete the full qualification, you will have the option of enrolling in the remaining units beyond your secondary schooling.

**You will learn things like:**

- Build respectful, supportive relationships with children, families, and the community
- Guide children's behaviour using positive and age appropriate strategies
- Plan and create engaging learning environments that support development
- A range of practical early childhood skills
- Learn to facilitate children's play and leisure to help them to achieve developmentally
- Understand your responsibilities around health, safety, legal, and ethical practices
- Work as part of a professional early childhood team.

**Does this sound like you:**

- Are caring, patient, and genuinely enjoy working with children
- Communicate well with people of all ages
- Are organised, responsible, and able to follow routines
- Have the maturity to handle confidential and sensitive information
- Can work safely, stay calm in busy environments, and adapt to changing needs
- Enjoy working hands-on and contributing to a supportive team

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**Venue & RTO:**

| <b>RTO</b>   | <b>Location</b>                    | <b>Delivery</b>         |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <a href="#">GOTAFE (RTO : 3094)</a>                | Shepparton, Seymour,<br>Wangaratta | One full day per week   |
| <a href="#">Melbourne Polytechnic (RTO : 3075)</a> | Preston                            | Wednesday 1pm-4pm       |
| <a href="#">Box Hill Institute (RTO : 4687)</a>    | Box Hill and Lilydale              | Wednesday 1:30pm-5:30pm |
| <a href="#">Kangan Institute (RTO : 3077)</a>      | Broadmeadows                       | One full day per week   |

**Fees:**

Your school VET Coordinator can advise on fees.

**Course Length:**

1 to 2 years depending on provider and unit selection

**How to apply:**

Speak to your school's VET Coordinator and complete the VETDSS application form. Placement is subject to availability and school approval.

**Qualification and Recognition:**

- This program provides recognition of VCE VET credit. Students undertaking CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care may be awarded a VCE VET Unit 3–4 sequence upon completing at least 180 nominal hours at AQF Level III. An ATAR increment of 10% may apply under Block Credit Recognition. Scored assessment is not available.
- Entry into registered traineeships or TAFE programs

**Career Opportunities:**

- Early Childhood Educator
- Outside School Hours Care Assistant
- Playgroup Supervisor
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Recreation Assistant
- Family Day-care Worker
- Nanny/Au Pair.

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