

CHILD CARE



Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education & Care) CHC50908



COURSE OVERVIEW

This nationally recognised course will give you the qualifications required to work in child care centres as a child care educator or to further education at a university of your choice.

Putting theory into practice you will discover how to look at the world from the perspective of child development and care giving. Using play and your understanding of how children develop you will learn how to assess, plan and evaluate the care you provide children to develop their individual strengths and interests.

Potential job roles could include:

- Authorised supervisor
- Centre manager
- Director
- Children's services coordinator
- Child care worker
- Child development worker
- Program leader
- Children's adviser



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of Year 10 or equivalent; or 18 years of age or over and have work or other life experience.
No ATAR is required.

UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

Benchmark College has a guaranteed entry pathway for graduates from this course into the Bachelor of Education (0-5yrs) with the University of Western Sydney (UWS), Charles Sturt University and Macquarie University.

The following universities also accept the Diploma of Children's Services as credit towards their teaching degrees for 0-12 year olds:

- University of Wollongong
- University of Newcastle
- Australian Catholic University (ACU)

Check with individual universities for further information.

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COURSE CONTENT

The Diploma of Children's Services is divided into three stages.

- Stage 1: Introduction to children's services
- Stage 2: Programming and planning
- Stage 3: Management and partnerships

Subject areas include:

- The workplace
- First aid
- Communication
- Children's health and safety
- Play and development
- Care giving
- Leadership and management
- Effective partnerships
- Programming

WORK PLACEMENT

Work placement forms an important part of our program. With over 150 hours of work experience you will have extensive opportunities to practice newly learnt skills and apply your knowledge to a real work situation.

Work placement consists of:

- Individual field days: one day per week over the duration of the course
- Block placement: four weeks in total and completed at the end of each stage.

LOCATIONS

Courses for 2012 are available at:
Penrith, Tuggerah, Sydney CBD and Campbelltown
(Subject to minimum enrolments)

T: 1800 286 916
F: 02 4722 3599
W: www.benchmark.edu.au

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Training Locations:
PENRITH | SYDNEY CBD | TUGGERAH | CAMPBELLTOWN

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COURSE DURATION

Courses will commence in February and run through to December. Full-time study 4 days per week (3 days in class and 1 day in a centre). Class hours are 9am-3pm.

NO CLASSES HELD DURING NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

This course is also offered through a blended delivery method including correspondence, eLearning and intensive workshops. Our blended approach may be suitable for those students who require a flexible delivery approach to when and where they learn. Average completion time is 18 months. Work placement requirements remain the same.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will be conducted using a variety of methods which may include: observation, case studies/scenarios, written and/or verbal questioning, projects and portfolio development.

FEES

Refer to the Fee Schedule and Census Dates for 2012. This can be located on our website or in your application pack.

This course is VET FEE-HELP approved which allows eligible students to study now and pay later.

What is VET FEE-HELP?

VET FEE-HELP is a student loan scheme for the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector.

VET FEE-HELP assists eligible students undertaking certain VET diploma level and above courses. It allows them to borrow funds up to their FEE-HELP limit to pay for all or part of their VET tuition fees.

Students who access VET FEE-HELP assistance will have a loan with the Australian Government who will, on the student's behalf, pay their tuition fees to their approved VET provider.



Further information can be located at:
www.deewr.gov.au/vetfeehelp

FACILITIES

Benchmark College training facilities are designed around making the learning environment enjoyable and comfortable. All locations include kitchen facilities and student lounge areas.

STUDENT TRAVEL CONCESSION

Benchmark College is registered with Transport NSW for the Travel Concessions for Tertiary Students. Eligibility conditions apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete a Course Application Form and submit with required supporting documentation. Refer to the Application Procedure for Students which is located on our website or in your application pack.