

# CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

**Lead other educators while playing a vital role in children's educational development and learning**

The CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is designed for aspiring educators who are responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating early childhood education and care programs. This qualification will provide you with the skills to plan; implement and manage programs in early childhood services including long day care centres, family daycare, preschools or kindergartens. Your course will cover understanding child learning and development, culture and diversity in early childhood, and health & safety for children.



## Work experience requirements

This qualification requires students to complete at least **280 hours** of work in a regulated children's education and care service. During work experience, students must provide & wear their own sun safe, industry appropriate clothing & a hat and be able to travel to the host employer.

## Course features

- Work experience and field days for classroom-based training
- Nationally Recognised Training
- Industry-experienced trainers

## Entry requirements

- Students must have completed either the CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, or CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Complete the pre-enrolment process including the pre-enrolment Language, Literacy and Numeracy assessment.
- a minimum age of 18 years old or over
- Unique Student Identifier (USI)
- Hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) or ability to obtain one prior to attending work experience and field days
- Hold a Covid19 vaccination certificate

## Course Details

Course Type	Classroom	Traineeship (on-the-job training)
<b>Duration</b> (see over for more information)	36 weeks, includes a minimum of eight (8) weeks work experience (includes classes, work-experience, field days, self-directed learning and assessment preparation).	Full time: 24 months or until the relevant competencies are achieved <sup>1</sup> Total commitment = maximum 3952 hours (includes working hours, workplace release time for off the job training, self-directed learning and assessment completion).
<b>Fees*</b> (see over for more information)	Fee for service - \$6000	Fee Free traineeships are available for eligible students. \$1000 - traineeship fees capped*. Fee for Service - \$6000
<b>Location</b>	Tower 2, 331 High Street Penrith NSW 2750 and a host employer for work experience and field days	Employer or host employer.

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/cib\\_vto/cibs/cib\\_717.html#vto5](https://www.training.nsw.gov.au/cib_vto/cibs/cib_717.html#vto5)

To find out more about this course, call us on **1800 286 916** or visit [www.benchmark.edu.au](http://www.benchmark.edu.au)

## Pre-enrolment information

Benchmark College has policies, procedures and information to help create a working and learning environment that is safe and healthy, culturally diverse, friendly and non-discriminatory. We encourage students to visit the student section of our website <https://www.benchmark.edu.au> to view all relevant policies and procedures.

## The course

The CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care qualification reflects the role of educators in early childhood education and care who work in regulated children's education and care services in Australia. The qualification has 15 units of competence – 12 core and 3 electives.

Each unit covers the key skills and knowledge required to practice as a qualified Early Childhood Educator. Students learning will include how to:



- Manage an Early Childhood Education and Care Service team
- Understand the theory behind the environment in which child develops and grows
- Plan creative and fun experiences that foster the child's development, wellbeing and creativity
- Develop rewarding and positive relationships with children and their families
- Understand how to respond to grievances and complaints about the service, and develop from these
- Understand the importance of cultural competence and how to ensure all families and children are cared for in an inclusive environment

## Course content

### Core Units

BSBTWK502	Manage Team Effectiveness
CHCECE041	Maintain a safe and healthy environment for children
CHCECE042	Foster holistic early childhood learning development and wellbeing
CHCECE043	Nurture creativity in children
CHCECE044	Facilitate compliance in a children's education and care service
CHCECE045	Foster positive and respectful interactions and behaviour in children
CHCECE046	Implement strategies for the inclusion of all children
CHCECE047	Analyse information to inform children's learning
CHCECE048	Plan and implement children's education and care curriculum
CHCECE049	Embed environmental responsibility in service operations
CHCECE050	Work in partnership with children's families
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice

### Elective Units

BSBHRM413	Support the learning and development of teams and individuals
CHCECE052	Plan service and supports for children and families
CHCECE053	Respond to grievances and complaints about the service

## Government funding\*

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. To be eligible to receive funding, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident, a humanitarian visa holder or a New Zealand citizen and;
- be aged 15 years or older and;
- have left school and;
- live or work in New South Wales

\* **Further eligibility criteria may apply.** For more information on NSW Government funding (including concessions and fee-free scholarships), and to check eligibility, please visit <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au> or call **1300 722 104**.

## How the course works

### Workplace-based

Students enrolling in this program must be working full-time or part-time in a regulated Early Childhood Education and Care Service. For those in a full-time traineeship, a minimum of 30 hours or more per week (averaged over a 4-week period) is required to be worked. Part time traineeships are pro-rated. A qualified trainer/assessor visits the student in the workplace every 4-6 weeks over the course of their traineeship. In addition to the face-to-face learning support, students will be offered assistance with their studies via phone, email or online in between workplace visits.

Practical and work-related activities designed to allow each student the opportunity to apply their learning in a real work environment are undertaken. These activities will vary, e.g. research an organisational policy and procedure, watch a colleague complete a task, buddy with a colleague on a shift or gain experience in undertaking a particular activity. This is required to be recorded by students and supervisors as part of the evidence towards competency. Students/trainees complete work-based activities for units relevant to this qualification.

For students enrolling in classroom-based training, please note this qualification requires you to complete a total of at least **280 hours** of work in a regulated children's education and care service.

### Self-directed learning and assessment activities

Self-directed learning activities may vary from reading learner guides to online learning and research. Students can expect to dedicate approximately 8 - 10 hours each week to self-directed learning and assessment task completion.

To ensure that students are safe and work ready, they will need to complete a range of assessment tasks that include answering questions, analysing case studies and completing practical work-based tasks. We will also observe students perform a range of skills in the workplace and in the classroom.

All digital learning and assessment resources are provided by Benchmark College. Students will require access to the internet and a suitable device for online research, accessing the learner guides and in some instances, assessment preparation.

## Course pre-requisites and suitability

This course is designed for students who may have previous experience in Early Childhood, and who have completed either the CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, or the CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Students will need to have a Unique Student Identifier, obtain a NSW Working with Children Check and have passed our language literacy, numeracy and digital quiz. Enrolling students must be able to provide a copy of the Vaccination Certificate, as per the Public Health (Covid-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers) Order 2021,

*(1) The Minister directs that an education and care worker must not carry out relevant work on or after 8 November 2021 unless the worker has— (a) had 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or (b) been issued with a medical contraindication certificate<sup>1</sup>*

To complete the self-directed learning component, access to the internet and a suitable device is also required.

### Can I get credit for previous study?

If students have previously completed a Nationally Recognised Qualification or Course they must inform us at the time of application by providing a transcript and completing the relevant Verification and Consent Form. We will then verify if any units listed in the transcript can be credited towards the qualification.

<sup>1</sup> [https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20\(COVID-19%20Vaccination%20of%20Education%20and%20Care%20Workers\)%20Order%202021.pdf](https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20(COVID-19%20Vaccination%20of%20Education%20and%20Care%20Workers)%20Order%202021.pdf)

## Fees and charges

Traineeship fees are capped at \$1,000. This fee covers enrolment, tuition and digital learning resources. Fees must be paid in accordance with the **Fee Schedule**.

To review our terms and conditions check out our **Fees and Charges Policy and Procedure** and our **Refund Policy and Procedure** available at <https://www.benchmark.edu.au/policies---procedures>

Note: This Training is subsidised by the NSW Government. For more information on NSW Government funding (including fee exemptions and fee-free scholarships), and to check eligibility, please visit <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au> or call 1300 722 104.

This is an approved **VET Student Loans** course, provider approval number 7144. The VET Student Loans program assists eligible students enrolled in approved higher level vocational education and training (VET) courses to pay their tuition fees<sup>2</sup>:

- VET Student Loans will not be approved for students who do not meet eligibility requirements and
- A VET student loan gives rise to a HELP debt that continues to be a debt due to the Commonwealth until it is repaid<sup>3</sup>.

Please talk to a Benchmark College staff member if you would like more information or go to:

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/vet-students/vet-student-loans> or <https://www.benchmark.edu.au/vet-student-loans>

## Funding

Holding a previous qualification does not affect your eligibility to undertake training, however may affect the student fee. For more information, go to <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au> or call 1300 722 104.

## Where can I find more information?

It is important to us that prospective students have all the information needed to ensure this is the right course for them and we are the right Registered Training Organisation. Visit our Website and read our Student Handbook for all the information needed to make that all-important decision.

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## Ready to enrol?

Contact Benchmark College to get an Application Form and hear about the next steps in the process.

Still have questions? Contact one of our friendly staff members by phone on 1800 286 916 or email [info@benchmark.edu.au](mailto:info@benchmark.edu.au) - we are waiting to hear from you!



<sup>2</sup> Vet Student Loans, Information For Students Applying For Vet Student Loans  
The Department of Education and Training, Updated January 2019 – V3.0

<sup>3</sup> Vet Student Loans, Manual For Providers, Australian Government  
Version 2.0 – December 2017