

CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

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.

Program features	Entry requirements	Work experience requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arranged work experience. ▪ Nationally Recognised Training. ▪ Industry-experienced Trainers and Assessors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ Be a minimum age of 18 years old or over. ▪ Hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) or ability to obtain one prior to attending work experience and field days. ▪ Unique Student Identifier (USI). ▪ Complete a language, literacy, numeracy and digital literacy quiz. ▪ Hold a Covid19 vaccination certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students must provide & wear sun safe, industry appropriate clothing & a hat and be able to travel to the host employer.

Course details

Course Type	Classroom	Traineeship (on-the-job training)
Duration (see over for more information)	36 weeks, includes a minimum of 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. Total commitment = maximum 3952 hours (Includes working hours, workplace release time for off the job training, self-directed learning and assessment completion).
Fees (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
Location	Ground Floor, 331 High Street Penrith NSW 2750 and a host employer for work experience.	Employer or host employer.

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. This course includes learning how to:

- Manage an Early Childhood Education and Care Service team.
- Understand the theory behind how a 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 the legislative and regulatory frameworks that govern the industry and ensure you work legally and ethically.
- Understand the importance of cultural competence and how to ensure all families and children are cared for in an inclusive environment.

All learning and assessment resources are provided by Benchmark College. To complete the self-directed learning and assessment component, access to the internet and a computer is also required.

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

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.

Work Experience

In addition to classes, students are also required to attend 280 hours of work experience with a host employer to meet the requirements of the Training package.

Classroom students participate in Work Experience. This provides students with opportunities to:

- Practice newly learnt skills and apply theory learnt in the classroom.
- Build the skills that employers want like teamwork, communication and reliability.
- Increase confidence and show individuals they are ready for work.

Benchmark College will organise work experience for all classroom-based students and will provide insurance and support in the workplace. Students will be buddied with an experienced employee and will be visited at least once by a Trainer. Students on work experience are given a range of activities to guide their learning and practice the key skills required to become work ready.

Self-directed learning and assessment activities – All students

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.

Can I get credit for previous study?

If students have previously completed a Nationally Recognised Qualification or Course, please talk to our Recruitment or Administration team and by completing the relevant Verification and Consent Form and providing a transcript of what you have attained. We would see if any units listed in the transcript can be credited towards your chosen qualification.

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>

Government funding

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. Benchmark Resources P/L trading as Benchmark College is an approved Smart and Skilled Training provider. 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.
- Be aged 15 years or older.
- Have left school.
- Live or work in New South Wales.

For more information, please visit <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au> or call 1300 722 104.

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

Visit our website and read our Student Handbook, policies and procedures, and check all the information needed to make that important decision.

We are waiting to hear from you!



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