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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE PATHWAYS

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PACKAGES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Graduate ready to support young children's learning and development with Early Childhood Education and Care pathways.

Begin with the Certificate III to build essential skills and start working as an early childhood educator. Progress to the Diploma to prepare for leadership roles or use your qualifications as a stepping stone to university.

These pathways combine hands-on training, industry placements and classroom learning to equip you for a rewarding career in early learning or further study toward becoming a qualified teacher.

It's your career, you decide where it takes you.

CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

NATIONAL CODE: CHC30121
CRICOS CODE: 111781J

WORK PLACEMENT 160 HRS

This course meets the minimum qualification required to work in childcare centres, preschools, kindergartens, and out-of-school-hours care settings.

DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

DURATION: 1 YEAR
NATIONAL CODE: CHC50125
CRICOS CODE: 118570H

WORK PLACEMENT 280 HRS

Program duration: 2 years*

2026 package cost: AUD \$29,035 + incidentals

Adelaide University

BACHELOR OF TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

CRICOS CODE: 118570H

Program duration: 2 years

2026 cost: AUD \$86,800 + incidentals

Flinders University

BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (BIRTH - 5)

CRICOS CODE: 116862A

Program duration: 2 years

2026 cost: AUD \$71,400 + incidentals

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO CERTIFICATE III COURSES

- > Academic IELTS score of 6.5 Overall with minimum of 6.0 in Reading and Writing and 6.5 in Listening and Speaking or equivalent.
- > Satisfactory completion of Year 10 or overseas equivalent.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO DIPLOMA COURSES

- > Academic IELTS score of 6.5 Overall with minimum of 6.0 in Reading and Writing and 6.5 in Listening and Speaking or equivalent.
- > Satisfactory completion of Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (111781J/CHC30121).

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CAREER OUTCOMES

These packages prepare students for a range of roles across the early childhood sector.

With a certificate III, you can work as an early childhood educator in childcare centres, kindergartens, preschools and out-of-school-hours care.

The diploma adds pathways to leadership roles such as room leader, educational leader, assistant director or centre director.

Students who continue to university can become fully qualified early childhood teachers, eligible to teach in preschool and early learning settings across Australia. University graduates are classroom-ready and equipped for roles focused on inclusive, play-based learning and child development.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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