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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE PATHWAYS





PACKAGES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Graduate ready to support young children's learning and development with TAFE SA's 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	DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE DURATION: 1 YEAR NATIONAL CODE: CHC50125 CRICOS CODE: 118570H WORK PLACEMENT 280 HRS	BACHELOR OF TEACHING (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION) Adelaide University CRICOS CODE: 118570H Program duration: 2 years 2026 cost: AUD \$86,800 + incidental fee	BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (BIRTH – 5) Flinders University CRICOS CODE: 116862A Program duration: 2 years 2026 cost: AUD \$71,400 + incidental fee
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Please note the entry course of these packages is still Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (111781J/CHC30121).

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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