Partnerships for Learning

Community Services Pathway

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Course Description
Completion of the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care provides students with both the theory and the practical experience that underpin workplace skills in the Child Care industry and various Community Services organisations. This course will give students a taste of the Child Care industry and develop a range of skills that will assist you in both the workplace and to relate to children in everyday life. Students will work on a range of activities, which focus on communication with children, behaviour guidance, occupational health and safety; preparing nutritious foods, basic administration and an introduction to the importance of play for children. The full qualification can be gained over 3 semesters. However, students can exit after 2 semesters with a Statement of Attainment (partial completion of Certificate III).

Benefits for students
- A nationally industry accredited Certificate
- Highly practical and hands on experience
- Work Experience in a real industry environment not simulated
- Comprehensive work placement program
- If this qualification is started in Year 11, a full certificate could be achieved by the end of Stage 2 which may be used as a fourth flexible option in ATAR calculations

Pre-Course Experiences/Pre-requisites
A student selection-process may be required for course entry. All students will need to obtain a DCSI screening check at their own cost before enrolling in the course (if over 16). A copy will be required on the 1st day of the course. The course is suitable for students who:
- will be in year 11 and 12
- have a passion for being part of the Community Services and Child Care Industry
- have a high literacy level needed for successful completion of course

Course Location
Valley View High School for course delivery. Childcare environments for Work placements. Attendance at Open Access College (or via online) for the final 6 months of course delivery.

Structured Work Placement
Students undertake work placement in the child-care industry. They are assessed on-the-job and this forms part of the student’s Vocational Education and Training assessment requirements in completing the competencies required for the certificate.

Course Code: CHC30113 – RTO: Open Access College/MSC RTO – 40046

CHCCS400C  Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework
CHCECE007  Develop positive and respectful relationships with children
CHCECE009  Use an approved learning framework to guide practice
CHCECE010  Support the holistic development of children in early childhood
CHCECE011  Provide experiences to support children’s play and learning
CHCECE013  Use information about children to inform practice
CHCPRT001  Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
HLTAID004  Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting
HLTHIR404D  Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
CHCECE006  Support behaviour of children and young people
CHCORG303C  Participate effectively in the work environment

Special Requirements
Dress Code / Extra Clothing Required / Equipment:
- Student’s School Uniform
- Clothes suitable for work placement

Career Pathways
Completion of Certificate III may lead to entry into Certificate IV or Diploma in Early Education and Care. On completion of Certificates, graduates may seek employment in positions such as Child Care worker, Family Daycare provider, Out-of-school hours worker, or Nanny.

Commencement Date: Week 3, Term 1
Length of Course: 3 semesters
Day: TBA
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
Class Size: Min: 10 to Max: 20
Location: VVSS – Child Studies Centre
SACE Credits: Stage 2 – 115 max

Cost (Per student): TGSS students: $410/year
Fee for Service students: $2,000/year

Added Cost Description: RTO Administration $330, First Aid/Red Cross $118.21, Asthma - Anaphylaxis Training $63.15, Child Safe Training $42 = $506.36

An appointment with the VET Coordinator or Counsellor in your school is required to enrol in this course.

Please Note: to the knowledge of the school providing this NEVO VET Course, information is correct at the time of publication.