

Child Care

Certificate III in Children's Services CHC30708
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Experience the joy, the discovery, the wonder

Want a rewarding career working with small children, becoming an important part of their development and learning? To do so, you need a qualification in Children's Services.

With Hales Institute's Certificate III in Children's Services course you will be given an invaluable introduction to child care; acquiring the knowledge, skills and experience to qualify for jobs such as a child care assistant, playgroup supervisor, family day care worker or nanny.

You will be provided with opportunities to gain:

- an understanding of child development
- confidence in working with young children, from babies to five year olds
- practical experience working in a child care centre.

Entry requirements

You need to have completed year 10 at an Australian school or an equivalent level of schooling and be at least 18 years of age. International students need to demonstrate English language proficiency at IELTS 5.5 or equivalent.

To work with children, students are required by the Victorian Government to complete a Working with Children check.

Training

Hales Institute's child care course offers a combination of classroom learning, practical sessions, research and project work as well as work placement in a children's services environment.

Work placement

As an important part of the course, Hales Institute will arrange practical experience in the form of work placement in an appropriate child care centre. Students undertake 144 hours of work placement.

This is made up of:

- one (eight-hour) day a week for 13 weeks, totalling 104 hours, plus
- a block of five (eight-hour) days/one-week work placement, totalling 40 hours.

Assessment

Students will be assessed on a combination of class activities, role play, written assessment, demonstrations of skill, group work, projects and work placement. Each of these units of competency will be marked either competent (C) or not yet competent (NYC).

Duration

26 weeks (20 weeks of tuition and up to six break weeks).

Location

Classroom sessions are held in Hales Institute's conveniently located campus at 55 Swanston Street in Melbourne's CBD.

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Course structure

Students will complete the following 14 units as part of their course.

Unit title

Support the development of children
Interact effectively with children
Provide experiences to support children's play and learning
Develop understanding of children's interests and developmental needs
Ensure the health and safety of children
Contribute to provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner
Provide care for children
Provide care for babies
Contribute to occupational health and safety processes
Apply first aid
Work effectively with families to care for the child
Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
Participate effectively in the work environment
Support inclusive practice in the workplace
Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework

Unit code

CHCFC301A
CHCIC301D
CHCPR301A
CHCPR303D
CHCCN301A
CHCCN303A
CHCCN302A
CHCCN305A
HLTOHS300A
HLTFA301B
CHCRF301D
CHCCHILD401A
CHCORG303A
CHCCS310A
CHCCS400A

Course fees include

- Tuition fee A\$4,000 (saving of \$450)
- Enrolment fee A\$250
- Materials fee A\$300
- Estimated OSHC* A\$245 (seven months)
A\$350 (10 months)

* For international students, it is a condition of your student visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the entire duration of your stay.

Pathways

On successfully completing the Certificate III in Children's Services, you may choose to undertake further study by enrolling in a diploma level course with an appropriate institution.

For information about beginning a professional career in early childhood care, please refer to www.education.vic.gov.au/careers/earlychildhood/begin.htm

Employment outcomes

Possible career directions for students who successfully complete the Certificate III in Children's Services course include childcare assistant, playgroup supervisor, family day care worker or nanny.

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