



CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education and Care)

So what exactly is a Diploma of Children's Services?

A *Diploma of Children's Services* is a valuable qualification for personnel in children's services who are responsible for planning, implementing and managing programs in early childhood services, in accordance with licensing, accreditation and duty of care requirements.

The *Diploma of Children's Services* is a great course if you wish to upgrade your current skills in the childcare industry

or have responsibility for supervision of other staff and volunteers. In most states, it is the minimum qualification required at the Director level for child care centres. Please note that due to legislative requirements, you need to be at least 18 years of age to gain employment in the child services industry.

Sounds great. What jobs can I get if I have a Diploma of Children's Services?

If you want to progress to a supervisory or management position within the children's services industry, this program is an excellent choice. Here are some possible job titles you might be interested in:

- Supervisor (Children's Services)
- Centre Manager
- Program Leader
- Director (Children's Services)

What types of skills will I gain from a Diploma of Children's Services?

This course provides you with the knowledge and skills to contribute effectively within a team environment.

- **Communication and team work:** Interpreting the needs of internal and external clients, including children; giving feedback, coaching and mentoring to team members.
- **Initiative, enterprise and problem solving:** Translating ideas into action and generating a range of options in response to workplace matters. Applying a range of strategies in problem solving and developing practical and creative solutions to workplace problems.
- **Planning and self-management skills:** Allocating people and other resources to tasks and workplace requirements and managing time and priorities.
- **Learning:** Contributing to the learning of others by sharing information and as a coach/mentor. Taking responsibility for own learning within scope of own work role.
- **Technology:** Applying technology as a management tool in order to organise data and workplace equipment.

Sounds exciting. How do I actually take the course?

The Diploma of Children's Services is delivered in the following formats:

1. Traditional classroom, face-to-face training with an EIM Training Instructor.
- 2: As a Traineeship, attracting funding from the government. Under an Existing Worker Traineeship, a staff member undertakes a vocational training qualification while they continue to work in an organisation, increasing productivity through the assessment of skills gaps and adequate training.
3. Self-paced, distance learning, where you set the pace, with direct access to an allocated trainer via email and phone support.
4. Through assessment only pathways for students with substantiated work histories in the industry by Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), and Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC). If you think you may be eligible for RPL or RCC, contact us to make an appointment.

What other qualifications do I need before I enrol?

To gain entry into CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services (Early childhood education and care), you must have completed a Certificate III in Children's Services or equivalent; or demonstrate competence through a recognised training program or recognition process in specified units of competency.

What does the course cover?

The course comprises of 18 units: 13 core units, plus 5 elective units. All units are competency based and you are assessed as you progress through each part, so you

know how you are going at each step of the way. Once you finish the last unit successfully, you will attain a *Diploma of Children's Services*. It's that easy!

Units you can train face-to-face at our campus include:

Core Units

CHCCN511A Establish and maintain a safety and healthy environment for children
CHCFC502 A Foster physical development in early childhood
CHCFC503A Foster social development in early childhood
CHCFC504A Support emotional and psychological development in early childhood
CHCFC505A Foster cognitive development in early childhood
CHCFC506A Foster children's language and communication development
CHCIC501A Manage children's services workplace practice to address regulations and quality assurance
CHCIC510A Establish and implement plans for developing cooperative behaviour
CHCIC512A Plan and implement inclusion of children with additional needs
CHCPR502D Organise experiences to facilitate and enhance children's development

CHCPR509A Gather, interpret and use information about children
CHCPR510A Design, implement and evaluate programs and care routines for children
CHCRF511A Work in partnership with families to provide appropriate care for children

Elective Units

CHCIC511A Implement and promote inclusive policies and practices in children's services
CHCORG506C Coordinate the work environment
HLTOHS400A Maintain OHS processes
CHCFC507A Use music to enhance children's experience and development
CHCFC508A Foster children's aesthetic and creative development

What study pathway can I pursue once I've achieved a Diploma of Children's Services?

Once you have a *Diploma of Children's Services*, you can choose to progress on to an *Advanced Diploma of Children's Services* or progress onto a university degree. You can also explore a wide range of other qualifications

to supplement your children's services qualification. Contact EIM Training if you are interested in any other courses. We have course outlines similar to this one that explain our courses in more detail.

I want to do it. How can I pay for the course?

- 1: As a new entrant Traineeship, attracting funding from the commonwealth incentive. Under a Traineeship, an employee undertakes a vocational training qualification while they continue to work in an organisation, increasing the skills and knowledge through a combination of training and workplace activities.
- 2: The delivery is a combination of face-to-face training and on the job training with an EIM Training Instructor. These sessions are dynamic and fun and held at our modern training facilities within your local area.
- 3: Through pathways such as Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC), and assessment only for students with substantiated work histories and experience within their workplace.

***Funded schemes available include Government Funded Traineeships:**

Employers who enrol their staff in Government Funded Traineeships may also be eligible for Federal and/or State Government Funding for each trainee, for each course. This can be up to \$4000 for the employer, with extra payroll tax exemptions available for some trainees. If the applicants are applying for the user choice funding for this program a student contribution fee applies at \$1.50 per nominal hour of training. For more information on fees and charges please refer to our user choice fees, charges and refunds policy.

Our team will assist you in your application for appropriate funding.

To find out if you are eligible, contact one of our consultants: Gold Coast on 07 55757575, Wide Bay 07 41246422.

Information correct at time of printing. Course content, prices, dates and times are subject to variation.