About this course

This qualification is part of the Lower fees, local skills program where you'll pay only half of the standard course fees.

Your gateway to a rewarding career in a growing industry

Early Childhood Education and Care is an expanding industry for those with a genuine interest and passion in the care and education of young children up to the age of 5 years. The childcare industry is demanding higher qualifications and training from educators in this field to ensure consistently high standards of education and care for children placed in these services. This can be achieved by completing the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

You'll learn how to interact and foster the development of the children while working within legal requirements and ensuring the children's health and safety are not at risk.

As part of this qualification you will undertake a supervised work placement where you will be able to apply the skills and knowledge you have learned.

You will work closely with children from different backgrounds and cultures and provide care and support for them in various child care situations.

North Metropolitan TAFE is offering early childhood training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and further information can be found on our Koolark Page.

Gain these skills

- First aid in an education and care setting
- Provide care for babies, toddlers and children
- Support the holistic development, play and learning of children in early childhood
- Use an approved learning framework and information about children to inform and guide practice
Is this course right for me?

I have the following attributes:

- Enjoy working with children and able to relate well to them
- Enthusiastic, tactful, patient and a sense of humor
- Calm, alert, observant and active
- Good problem-solving skills with ability to communicate simply and clearly
- A good fitness level to be able to lift children and child care equipment

The following people will be entitled to a concession rate on the half price course fees under Lower fees, local skills.

- All students aged 15-24 years
- Persons and dependents of persons holding:
  - a pensioner concession card;
  - a repatriation health benefits card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; or
  - a Health Care Card
- Persons and dependents of persons in receipt of the Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY
- Dependents of persons who are inmates of a custodial institution
- Secondary school-aged persons, not enrolled at school.

If you are not eligible, please see our Skill sets page.

Details

During your course of study, NMTAFE may use a variety of learning practices to ensure you get the best outcome for your learning journey. This may include online learning, face-to-face classroom, laboratory/workshop delivery, work placement or a combination of these, depending on which is most appropriate.

Entrance requirements

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Further study

North Metropolitan TAFE offers you a range of further study opportunities, see below for a list of related courses.

Job opportunities

- Child Care Aide
- Family Day Care Worker
- Family Day Carer
- Nanny
Other job titles may include:

- Early childhood educator
- Outside school hours care assistant
- Playgroup supervisor
- Recreation assistant
- Childhood Educator
- Childhood educator assistant

*Please note this list should be used as a guide only as job titles and qualification requirements may vary between organisations.*

**Important information**

Before attending work placement you will be required to obtain:

- Working with Children Check
- Federal Police Clearance
- Medical clearance

Under 18 students will be required to obtain a Confidential Statutory Declaration and a medical clearance.

**Fees and charges**

**Local full time students**

Course fees are made up of two components, tuition fees and resource fees.

**Tuition fees** are determined by multiplying the course fee rate by the nominal hours, which is the number of hours in which an average student could be expected to complete each unit. They are not the hours of training or instruction.

**Resource fees** are charges for material that are essential to a course or unit, and are purchased by NMT to be used by students during the course.

Fees may vary depending on the units you are enrolled in so an approximate amount has been shown. You will be given the exact amount of your fees at enrolment. Part time student fees will vary depending on the number of units you are enrolled in.

Please note, you may also need to buy textbooks or equipment for your course.