



WORK, TRAIN AND STUDY WITH IMAGINE EDUCATION: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Are you a student who wants to start your career in childcare? Do you want to gain hands on industry experience and work towards a nationally recognised qualification?

Applications to join Imagine Education's Early Childhood Education and Care Program are NOW open to Year 10 and 11 students.

Why choose this course?

The School-Based Apprenticeship & Traineeship Program course duration is based on the practicum requirements of 750 hours (100 days minimum).

The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care qualification gives you career options as an educator in a Childcare Centre or Family Day Care Provider and reflects the role of workers in a range of early childhood education and childcare settings who work within the requirements of the Education and Care Services National Regulations and the National Quality Standard. They support the implementation of an approved learning framework, and support children's wellbeing, learning, and development. Depending on the setting, educators may work under direct supervision or autonomously.

NOTE: Students studying this course are required by law to obtain a Blue Card for working with children.



Who is involved in a school-based traineeship?

- School-based trainee
- Parent/guardian
- School
- Employer
- Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Provider.
- Registered Training Organisation
- State Training Authority
- Australian Government Department of Employment, Small Business and Training

What does the enrolment process involve?

- Students who are ready to kick-start their career in childcare will send an Expression of Interest and their résumé to their school's Industry Liaison Officer (ILO).
- A pre-qualifying assessment will be completed by each student to determine their suitability for a position in children's services.
- If the student's assessment indicates that they are suitable for childcare work, they will be offered a 3-day (one day per week) trial in a children's services centre, where they will be partnered with a qualified children's services worker.
- After the 3-day trial, a further assessment will be made of the student's suitability for childcare, which will be discussed with them by the Centre Director.
- Upon being recommended for the program, the student's Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Representative and Apprenticeship Centre Representative, together with the student's school ILO and employer, will assist the student and their parent to complete all the necessary paperwork required for a Training Contract. The student's RTO will be there to support them through this process and discuss the role and responsibilities.
- Signed Student Trainees will attend one day per week at a children's services centre to commence their traineeship.
- At the end of the traineeship, students will graduate with a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and a wealth of experience to take their career to the next level.

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