

## INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE SHORT COURSE



### SHORT COURSE OVERVIEW

#### 1. SKILL SET SUMMARY

- National code/title: • Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Care
- Industry relevance: • Working in the rapidly growing sector of early childhood education is interactive, creative, and rewarding. Learn in demand skills and knowledge as you are introduced to the exciting opportunities a career working in early education will open. You will learn how to facilitate children's play and ensure the safety of children as you learn about and develop the skill of reflective practice as an essential skill.
- Entry requirements: • There are no formal requirements to undertake this course.
- Recommended skills: • Sound basic reading and writing skills are needed. If you have any reading or writing support needs, please discuss with us at enrolment.  
• Computer operation skills to a basic level.
- Required materials and Equipment • Access to computer, laptop or device. Access to the internet.  
• For best performance, you should access eSkilled LMS (our eLearning platform) with a computer that supports the most recent browser versions. It is recommended to use a computer five years old or newer with at least 4GB of RAM. eSkilled should be used on the current releases of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari. Because eSkilled products are built using web standards, eSkilled will operate on Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, or any other device with a modern web browser.

#### 2. SHORT COURSE COMPONENTS

To successfully complete the short course, three units of competency must be completed including 1 core, 1 elective and 1 non-accredited.

Core unit (1): • The core units of this qualification are compulsory for all learners:

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| 1. HLTWHS001 | Participate in workplace health and safety |
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Elective unit (1): • Elective units are determined following consultation with industry:

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| 1. CHCPRP003 | Reflect on and improve own professional practice |
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Non-accredited unit (1):

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| 1. XVB20905 | Play and learning |
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### ASSESSMENT

#### 3. ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Assessment tasks:
- Assessment is generally progressive with multiple assessment tasks to be completed for each unit of competency. Techniques may include direct performance observation, oral questioning, practical tasks, and simulations.
  - Assessment activities will be completed throughout the learning process with most assessment components accessed via ACE's LMS.
- Task submission:
- Assessment tasks must be submitted by the due date unless an extension has been granted. Students are entitled to two re-submissions per item following an initially inadequate assessment.

#### 4. RECOGNITION AND CREDIT

RPL application: Not applicable

Credit transfers: Not applicable

### INDUCTION AND SUPPORT

#### 5. INDUCTION AND SUPPORT

- Pre-enrolment:
- By completing pre-enrolment assessment prior to enrolling in this skill set, you will be assisting us to evaluate your suitability for the course and to tailor support services to meet your individual needs. A Student Support Officer will review your pre-enrolment information and, if appropriate, contact you to discuss options to assist you to participate productively in the course.
- Course induction:
- An induction session to be held at the outset of the course comprises an overview of the general workplace, including relevant legislation, and covers course content, delivery and assessment arrangements and course completion requirements. A general orientation to college facilities, rules and safety procedures is also provided.
  - Orientation to our online learning management system will also be provided by the trainer.
- Individual support:
- Your trainer can provide email and telephone support throughout the course during ACE business hours. All enrolled students also have access to a Student Support Officer who can provide advice and assistance or facilitate external support.

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### CERTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

#### 6. AWARDS ISSUANCE

- Course completion:
- A statement of attainment testamur and transcript will be issued by ACE Community Colleges upon successful completion of course requirements for the two accredited units, and a statement of participation will be issued for non-accredited unit XVB20905 Play and Learning, provided that all administrative requirements have been met and course fees are paid in full. In these circumstances, certificates will be issued within 30 days.
- Partial completion:
- Where a student does not complete all components, a statement of attainment listing units successfully achieved will be issued by ACE Community Colleges within 30 days of course completion.

### ENROLMENT INFORMATION

#### 7. ENROLMENT APPLICATION

- Application:
- Enrolment is contingent upon your application being accepted. Factors considered in the evaluation of enrolment applications include eligibility, pre-requisite fulfilment, the outcome of screening processes, past payment of fees and acceptance of the terms of enrolment.
- Unique student identifier (USI):
- It is a condition of enrolment in any nationally recognised training (accredited) programme that you supply us with your unique student identifier (USI). If you don't already have one you can apply for one online at [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au). Further information on the national USI system is available from college administration.
- Confirmation:
- Enrolment is confirmed upon payment of a deposit against the course fee. ACE will collect no more than \$1500 of the total fee on initial enrolment.

#### 8. FEES AND SUBSIDIES

- Full fee:
- \$600
- Subsidies available:
- Yes – see box below for details

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<u>Programme:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult Community Education (ACE) Program. Applicants eligible for enrolment under The ACE Program to note that this training is subsidised by the New South Wales government</li> </ul>
<u>Eligibility criteria:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian citizens / permanent residents or humanitarian visa holders who have very low literacy, language, and numeracy levels</li> <li>people with limited employability skills</li> <li>people who are unemployed or underemployed</li> <li>students with a disability</li> <li>students who are commonwealth welfare recipients</li> <li>young disadvantaged students who need assistance transitioning to further study</li> <li>people who have other barriers to Smart and Skilled entitlement.</li> </ul>
<u>Fees payable:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$0 if you fulfill eligibility criteria and receive an eligible benefit or are a dependent child, spouse or partner of a person receiving a specified Commonwealth Government welfare benefit or allowance</li> <li>\$0 (fee exempt) if you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or are receiving a Disability Support Pension or are a dependent child, spouse or partner of a person receiving a benefit.</li> </ul>

- About fees:
- The course fees specified above are fully inclusive of all learning materials, tuition costs and support services for the advertised duration of the course.

### CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

#### 9. CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Course cancellation:
- Students are entitled to a full refund, without deduction, if a course is cancelled by us for any reason prior to its commencement.
  - If ACE Community Colleges, closes or ceases to deliver any part of the course in which you are enrolled we will work with you to refund the part of the course yet to be delivered, transfer you to another similar course acceptable to you at no cost, find options for your transfer to another provider.
- Student withdrawal:
- Fees paid will be refunded where written notice of withdrawal is provided at least five working days prior to course commencement. Note that \$50 will be deducted from the refund amount to cover administration costs.
  - Students wishing to cancel fewer than five working days prior to their course commencing, or at any time after commencement, are not entitled to a refund although a partial refund may be paid at the discretion of the local college manager where exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. All such requests must be in writing.
- Changes:
- If there are any changes to your enrolment or to the information under which you were enrolled that affect you, we will advise you as soon as possible. This includes changes to the ownership of the College, or to any training delivery arrangement such as a third-party or other services.

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### FURTHER INFORMATION

#### 10. ACE STUDENT HANDBOOK

- Student handbook:
- Our *Student Handbook* is available to all prospective students and may be obtained at or prior to enrolment from any of our colleges or downloaded from our website. The *Student Handbook* reflects our policies and contains information on the enrolment process, skills recognition, participation in training and assessment, support services, fees and refunds, rules and regulations and a range of general information.
  - While our Student Handbook also contains the specific details of our complaints and appeals process, it can also be accessed on our website at <https://www.acecolleges.edu.au/students/>

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**DELIVERY**

**11. DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

**Course Duration**  
Maximum duration: 2 days per week over 3 weeks (total 6 days)  
Connected Learning Program course structure:

Component	Weekly	Total Course
Face to face workshops	36 hours	36
One-on-one training and assistance	30 min session scheduled with the trainer if required	30 mins (if required)
Trainer-directed home study	2 hours per unit	2
Research	4 hours in total	4

**Mode of delivery**  
Stage 1: Face to face, classroom delivery + eSkilled.  
Face to face, classroom training will be delivered for each unit. Learning and assessment components are accessed via our eLearning platform.  
  
Stage 2: Workplace visits.  
ACE Community Colleges will endeavour to arrange at least one ½ days visit at a local childcare centre to provide students with exposure to a centre environment. This will be subject to suitable arrangements being available with a centre.