

# Qualification Outline: Diploma

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### Summary

<b>Name of Qualification</b>	<i>Diploma of Children's Services</i>
<b>National Code</b>	<i>CHC50908</i>
<b>Entry Requirements</b>	<p><i>Year 10 level of English</i></p> <p><i>Competency or completion of CHC30402 or CHC30708</i></p> <p><i>OR 9 prerequisite units (Refer to listing under National Competency Standards below). Students who have gained their Certificate III under the old CHC30402 qualification will be required to complete a number of bridging units upon enrolment in the Diploma to upgrade their skills.</i></p> <p><i>The prerequisite units can be undertaken by the student at GoodStart Training College as part of the Diploma course.</i></p>
<b>Apprenticeship Duration</b>	<i>2 to 4 years (6 years QLD &amp; VIC) depending on employment status</i>
<b>External Course Duration</b>	<i>Self-paced; enrolment valid for 2 years</i>

### Details

This course is designed to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes required of competent childcare workers in all sectors and specialisations of childcare. The curriculum framework is informed by a philosophy that values high quality early childhood education and recognises the work as being challenging and responsible and requiring approaches which are developmental and creative. This qualification covers workers who are responsible for developing and evaluating the program. Personnel working at this level have responsibility for the supervision of other staff and volunteers and in some States/Territories it is the highest qualification required at director or service manager level.

Vocational outcomes for graduates of this qualification may include:

- Assistant in a kindergarten and community preschool
- Family day care co-coordinator
- Family day carer
- Group Leader in a long day care centre, occasional care centre, outside school hours care centre
- Primary Teacher Aide

Diploma graduates may be eligible for credit with universities for Bachelor degree courses. Students should contact their preferred university to clarify.

The following units can be undertaken on a ONE OFF basis. Price is to be confirmed as this depends on group size and employer funded arrangements.	
CHCCN303A	Contribute to provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner
CHCCHILD401A	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
CHCORG614A	Manage a community sector organisation

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## Fees

The fees are comprised of an enrolment fee and tuition fees. The cost of the course depends on whether the student possesses the prerequisite units.

External Study (Nationally)		
Fee	Amount	Payable
<b>Enrolment Fee</b> (non-refundable)	\$100	On Enrolment
	Plus	
<b>Tuition Fee – Non ABC Students</b>	\$155	Per Unit (20 Units in total)
<b>Tuition Fee – ABC Centre Personnel</b> (working more than 15 hours per week)	\$125	Per Unit (20 units in total)
<i>Notes re External Tuition Fees:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students pay tuition fees upon order of each unit of competency.</li> <li>• Orders must be placed using the standard order form. This is provided to students with their Confirmation of Enrolment letter.</li> <li>• Once learning materials have been ordered and sent, no fees are refundable.</li> </ul>		

Prerequisite	HLTOHS300B	Contribute to OHS processes
Prerequisite	CHCCN301B	Ensure the health and safety of children
Prerequisite	CHCFC301A	Support the development of children
Prerequisite	CHCCN303A	Contribute to provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner
Prerequisite	CHCCHILD401A	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
Prerequisite	CHCPR301AB	Provide experiences to support children's play and learning
Prerequisite	CHCCN305B	Provide care for babies
Prerequisite	CHCCN302A	Provide care for children
Prerequisite	CHCCS400B	Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework
Prerequisite	HLTFA301B	Apply First Aid
Core	CHCIC501A	Manage children's services workplace practice to address regulations and quality assurance
Core	CHCFC506A	Foster children's language and communication development
Core	CHCFC504A	Support emotional and psychological development in early childhood
Elective	CHCORG506D	Coordinate the work environment
Core	CHCFC502A	Foster physical development in early childhood
Core	CHCFC503A	Foster social development in early childhood
Core	CHCFC505A	Foster cognitive development in early childhood
Core	CHCIC510A	Establish and implement plans for developing cooperative behaviour
Core	CHCIC512A	Plan and implement inclusion of children with additional needs

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Core	CHCPR510B	Design, implement and evaluate programs and care routines for children
Elective	CHCFC507A	Use music to enhance children's experience and development
Elective	CHCFC508A	Foster children's aesthetic and creative development
Core	CHCPR509A	Gather, interpret and use information about children
Core	CHCRF511A	Work in partnership with families to provide appropriate care for children
Core	CHCCN511A	Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for children
Elective	CHCORG614A	Manage a community sector organisation
Core	CHCPR502E	Organise experiences to facilitate and enhance children's development
Elective	CHCPOL402B	Contribute to policy development

To be awarded the CHC50908 Diploma of Children's Services (Early childhood education and care) qualification the candidate must successfully complete 18 units of competence. These units are composed of 13 core electives and 5 elective units.

### On the Job Evidence

Students are provided with On the Job Evidence (OJE) with each unit of competency to record their competency in the relevant assessment areas.