Children’s Services is a growing industry, with two working parents becoming the norm, there is great demand for trained staff with practical skills. Employment of childcare workers is projected to grow with parents’ increasingly needing assistance during working hours to care for their children. Because the number of children requiring childcare is expected to grow, demand for childcare workers is expected to grow as well.

People wishing to work in this industry must have, or being working towards the Certificate III Early Childhood Education.

**JOB EXAMPLE: EARLY CHILDHOOD (PRE-PRIMARY) EDUCATORS**

Early Childhood (Pre-primary) Educators teach the basics of numeracy, literacy, music, art and literature to early childhood (pre-primary) students and promote students’ social, emotional, intellectual and physical development. Care and supervision for children is provided in residential homes and early learning centres.

**Tasks**

- Planning and structuring learning in both indoor and outdoor environments using a variety of materials and equipment to facilitate students’ development to develop motor skills, cooperative social skills, confidence and understanding.
- Promoting language development through storytelling, role play, songs, rhymes and informal discussions held individually and within groups.
- Observing students to evaluate progress and to detect signs of ill health, emotional disturbance and other disabilities.
- Observing nutritional health, welfare and safety needs of students and identifying factors which may impede students’ progress.
- Discussing students’ progress with parents.
- Participating in community and family support programs as appropriate.

**Job Prospects**

- The number of job openings for Early Childhood Educators is expected to be high. Employment for this occupation rose very strongly in the past five years and in the long-term (ten years). Looking forward, employment for Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Educators is expected to grow strongly.
- The most common level of educational attainment is Certificate III/IV.
- Early Childhood Educators are mainly employed in Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training and Other Services.

**JOB EXAMPLE: EARLY LEARNING CENTRE MANAGER**

Early Learning Centre Manager plan, organise, direct, control and coordinate the activities of early learning centres and services including physical and human resources. The links below provide quick access to basic information for this occupation.

**Tasks**

- Developing and implementing programs to enhance the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of young children.
- Providing care for children in before-school, after-school, day, and vacation care centres.
- Directing and supervising Early Childhood Educators in providing care and supervision for young children.
- Ensuring the centre is a safe area for children, staff and visitors.
- Complying with relevant government requirements and standards, Maintaining records and accounts for the centre.
- Liaising with parents.
- Recruiting staff and coordinating professional development.

**Job Prospects**

- Employment for this occupation rose very strongly in the past five years and rose very strongly in the long-term (ten years). Looking forward, employment for Early Learning Centre Managers is expected to grow very strongly.
- The most common level of educational attainment is Advanced Diploma/Diploma.
- Early Learning Centre Managers are mainly employed in Health Care and Social Assistance, Education and Training and Other Services.
Many university courses offer students with TAFE qualifications credit towards their studies.

Certificate III
Early Childhood and Care
(CHC30113)

Trainee or employed in a registered early learning service (0-5 age group)

Running own business as an early childhood educator by becoming a registered family day care provider in own home.

Certificate IV
Early Childhood and Care
(CHC40113)

Trainee or employed in a registered early learning service (0-5 age group)

Room leader in early learning centre or out of school hours worker

Certificate V
Early Childhood and Care
(CHC50113)

Trainee or employed in a registered early learning service (0-5 age group)

Room leader in early learning centre or out of school hours worker

Bachelor of Education
Many university courses offer students with TAFE qualifications credit towards their studies.

Trainee or employed in a registered early learning service (0-5 age group)

Employment as a centre director or teacher

Council early childhood education administration

Employment as a centre director or teacher