



Course in the Early Years

CSWA developed and accredited the Course in the Early Years, through consultation CSWA identified strong interest in developing a qualification for the non-regulated early learning service sector which includes playgroups. With no nationally endorsed qualification that aligned with this environment and the only available endorsed early childhood education qualifications focused on and requiring assessment in regulated early learning services, a gap was identified. For many remote communities in particular, access to a regulated early learning service is difficult and involves travel and time away from the community and work. Given the low completion rate of the Certificate III Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) it is envisioned that people can undertake the Certificate II Community Services with the two units from the Course in the Early Years so the student will be more prepared for the workload of the Certificate III ECEC and have units credited from the Certificate II (this would provide four units towards the Certificate III ECEC). Certificate III School Based Education and Care – four units, Certificate III Allied Health Assistant - four units.

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COURSE SUITABILITY

Suitable for school students, new entrants to study, students who want to pursue a career in Early Childhood Education and Care however don't want to jump straight into the Certificate III ECEC, individuals who wish to obtain more knowledge regarding child development and caregiver engagement.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

EARENG201 - Engage with caregivers and families of young children

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge to engage with caregivers and families to encourage participation in playgroups, child and parent centres and other non-regulated early childhood education services.

EARSUP201 - Support children's learning and development

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge to support and reflect on children's learning and development.

FURTHER TRAINING

Other qualifications this easily articulates to are:

- **Certificate III Community Services** (five units)
- **Certificate III School Based Education and Care** (four units)
- **Certificate III Allied Health Assistant** (four units)

Cost: This skill set is funded under the WA Government lower fees local skills (LFLS) initiative.