

FUNDED TRAINING

Higher Level Skills Program Early Childhood Teacher Bridging Program

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APPLY NOW!**

Primary school teachers can now undertake a bridging program to work as a qualified Early Childhood Teacher.



CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

The Early Childhood Teacher Bridging program, funded by the Queensland Government, is a tailored, 'fast-track' pathway to a diploma qualification that enables registered primary teachers to work as early childhood teachers (ECTs) in education and care services. The Bridging Program maps the CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers to produce industry endorsed matrices of credit transfer and gap training requirements for each unit of competency. Eligible teachers may also gain recognition of prior learning where relevant.

As soon as you enrol and are studying towards your approved diploma qualification through the Bridging Program, you can start working in a service as an early childhood teacher.

Registered primary teachers who hold an approved diploma level qualification are recognised by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as holding a nationally approved early childhood teaching qualification.

ECTARC

The Early Childhood Training And Resource Centre (ECTARC) is approved by the QLD Department of Education and Training (DET) to deliver funded training under the Higher Level Skills Program. ECTARC is a not for profit, community owned Registered Training Organisation (RTO code 90331) that specialises in early childhood training and professional development. Extensive knowledge of best practice in the early childhood sector and high quality student support is how we stand out from our competitors. Each student is allocated a personal Training Officer to support their learning journey.

COURSE LENGTH

The Bridging Program will fast-track you to an approved early childhood teacher qualification by recognising the skills and knowledge you gained from primary teaching. Generally the Bridging Program takes 6 to 12 months to complete, it may vary depending on the amount of recognition of prior learning you gain in addition to the already approved credit transfer units.

DELIVERY MODE

The Higher Level Skills Program is a self-paced program undertaken via flexible delivery and includes a combination of phone support, free on-line webinars, self-paced learning materials, practical training and RPL. Participants must have access to a computer and the internet. ECTARC provides all other necessary resources free of charge.

There are two components to the Diploma qualification:

- On-the-job training – 240 hours practical learning in the workplace to gain skills and knowledge
- Off-the-job training – Formal training and assessment by ECTARC

ECTARC will develop a training plan to suit your individual learning needs and time demands. Assessments will be a combination of written assignments, projects, observations on-the-job, Q&A, and practical demonstration. All participants are required to complete a Foundation Skills Questionnaire which is designed to provide an indication of the needs of the learner.

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SUPPORT

- Phone support - there is always an ECTARC Training Officer to speak with during business hours.
- On-line training sessions during and after hours
- Supplementary resources
- Weekly phone support evenings
- Email correspondence
- Facebook updates

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

You are eligible to participate in the Bridging Program if you are:

a) a Queensland resident i.e. Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident residing in Queensland or New Zealand citizen permanently residing in Queensland **and**

b) if you hold teacher registration (or accreditation) and a primary teaching qualification. Your primary teaching qualification must at least include a focus on children aged 5 to 8 years old (e.g. qualification with focus on children aged 3 to 8 or 5 to 12).

Qualifications that are specifically for middle and secondary school aged children are not accepted.

If you have a degree in secondary or middle schooling and wish to become an early childhood teacher, you need to complete an approved graduate or postgraduate qualification in early childhood.

Additional requirements: Any person working with children must undergo a criminal history check and be eligible for a Positive Notice 'Blue Card'. Application forms are available

from the Queensland Public Safety Business Agency at www.bluecard.qld.gov.au

Each participant is required to satisfactorily complete the unit: 'HLTAID004 Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting', externally with a First Aid training provider. This unit will be granted as a Credit Transfer towards your qualification.

FEES

Prices quoted are approximate. Exact cost depends on electives chosen.

Qualification	Full Fee	Concession
CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	\$1,103.70	\$418.55



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For more information please read the program handbook at www.ectarc.com.au or contact ECTARC on 07 3345 8272 or email qld.ectarc@bigpond.com

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