

### ***CERTIFICATE III IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES***

Certificate III in Children's Services provides a useful introduction into understanding, caring for and supporting the development of young children. The course places an emphasis on how someone who has chosen to work with young children can have a positive and meaningful impact upon children's lives and those of their families.

Wynnum SHS offers this certificate in partnership with the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) - My Other Mum Childcare and Training. The course consists of 15 competency-based units incorporating practical on-the-job work placement and theory work booklets.

Certificate III in Children's Services is a nationally recognised qualification. The following Units of Competency will be studied in the certificate:

CHCCS405A	Work Effectively with Culturally Diverse Clients and Co-Workers
CHCCN5C	Care for Babies
CHCIC1C	Interact Effectively with Children
CHCFC1C	Support the Development of Children in the Service
CHCRF1C	Work Effectively with Families in Caring for their Child
CHCPR3C	Develop an Understanding of Children's Interests and Developmental Needs
CHCPR1C	Deliver Services/Activities to Stimulate Children's Development and Enhance their Leisure
CHCCN2C	Care for Children
CHCCN1D	Ensure Children's Health and Safety
CHCCHILD1C	Identify and Respond to Children and Young People at Risk of Harm
CHCCN3C	Prepare Nutritionally Balanced Food in a Safe and Hygienic Manner
CHCCN5C	Respond to Illness, Accidents and Emergencies
CHCCS301A	Work within a Legal and Ethical Framework
CHCOHS301A	Participate in Workplace Safety Procedures
HLTFA1A	Apply Basic First Aid

#### ***INDUSTRY PLACEMENT***

Each year the students participate in visits to childcare agencies within the local community. These placements are arranged by the school and are usually for the full day, one day a week over a 5-10 week period. These placements are during school time and are a compulsory part of the course. Students who do not achieve all of the practical competencies during their placement will need to attend a childcare centre in their own time. It is the student's responsibility to arrange transport to and from their assigned venue.

#### ***CAREER POSSIBILITIES***

Students who complete this qualification will be eligible for employment immediately as an Assistant in a Childcare Centre, a Nanny, a home-based Childcare Provider, an Assistant in an Early Childhood Setting (eg Kindergarten, Pre-school to Year 3) or as an Out-of-School Hours Care Assistant.

Certificate III in Children's Services is a pre-requisite for the Diploma in Children's Services. Career pathways available to a person who holds a Diploma in Children's Services include: Group Leader in a Childcare Centre, a Home-based Childcare & Out-of-School Hours Care Co-ordinator, and Director of a small Day Care Centre.

Diploma graduates who wish to continue onto tertiary studies will receive credits towards their Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood.

#### ***ASSESSMENT***

Certificate III in Children's Services is a stand-alone Vocational Education and Training (VET) subject. All assessment is competency-based. Competency-based assessment is the process of collecting evidence and

making judgments on whether the student can consistently demonstrate knowledge and skill, and the application of that knowledge and skill to the standard of performance required in a workplace.

All competencies achieved will be listed on the Senior Statement. A level of achievement, such as VHA, HA etc, will NOT appear on the Senior Statement.

Students who achieve competency in all Units of Competency over the two years of study will receive **Certificate III in Children's Services**. Students who do not complete all Units of Competency will obtain a Statement of Attainment outlining the Units of Competency successfully completed over the two years of the course.

#### ***HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?***

As Wynnum SHS is offering this course in partnership with the RTO My Other Mum (MOM), students are required to pay fees to MOM. The total cost for students to complete their Certificate III in Children's Services is \$500. This includes a \$90 enrolment fee, \$25 per module (15 modules), and a \$35 First Aid Certificate fee. This is exceptional value compared with other training organisations. Students can choose to pay the \$500 up front, or \$275 in Year 11 and \$225 in Year 12.

#### ***REQUIREMENTS***

Student workbooks will be provided.

#### ***Queensland Certificate of Education - 8 points***

The Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) mandates that all Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), of which Wynnum State High School is one, place the following statement on all courses of study that offer nationally recognised vocational certificates.

"The school must have certain teachers and equipment to run this course. If the school loses access to these resources, the school will attempt to provide students with alternative opportunities to complete the course and the related qualification. The school retains the right to cancel the course if it is unable to meet requirements."

