



# BEDFORD COLLEGE

## VET IN SCHOOLS

### Certificate III in Children's Services

The Bedford College VET in Schools program provides students with the opportunity to achieve a Statement of Attainment towards the Certificate III in Children's Services which is a national award under the Australian Qualifications Framework. Students will also gain credit into further study towards the Diploma of Children's Services course.

Graduates of the Diploma course may choose to further extend their study into a Higher Education Degree program (See University Pathways below).

#### HSC Unit Credit

This course is accredited for a total of four units at the Preliminary and/or HSC level.

#### When

- Courses for 2010/11 will be held on:
  - 12 April – 16 April 2010 (end of term 1)
  - 12 July – 16 July 2010 (end of term 2)
  - 4 October – 8 October 2010 (end of term 3)
  - In 2011 – 3 x week block will commence in January (dates to be confirmed)
- The course is offered in blocks (as above) - a total of 6 weeks over 2 years (120 hours per year = 240 hours over 2 years)
  - Class hours are from 9am – 4.30pm
  - The course is delivered in mixed mode:
    - 60% classes are held at Bedford College i.e. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
    - 40% classes are Online i.e. Tuesday and Thursday (*please note*: all students are required to log on (remotely) to the Bedford Online Classroom from 9am-4.30pm during which time the Bedford teacher is available online)
- Students undertake 35 hours practicum placement per year in a child care facility.

#### Where

##### **At Bedford College**

- Classes are held in our purpose-built Child Care Campus (address below) - (public transport to and from the College is excellent – closest rail is at Central Railway Station and bus is at the door)
- The College has a purpose-built Child Care Campus which simulates a real-life child care centre. The classrooms are state-of-the-art and have the most up-to-date training resources and facilities available. The Campus also has a full-kitchen – for preparation of food subjects
- Students have access to the computer laboratories for researching and online classroom work.

##### **Bedford Online Classroom (remotely)**

- Some subjects are delivered online (see above) using Bedford's Online Classroom
- Our online training material is interactive and engaging and specifically addresses the unit/subject requirements
- Online classes are conducted between 9.00am and 4.30pm on the allocated days. The Bedford teacher will be online at College to help and instruct students during these periods
- Students can communicate online with the teacher and each other at all times during the sessions and will receive instruction and feedback as they go.

#### Cost

- The course cost is \$1600 per participant per year.
- Textbook and resources costs approximately \$130-\$140

#### Qualification Achieved

- Students will complete an AQF Statement of Attainment towards Certificate III in Children's Services (CHC30708)
- Only core units from the Cert III Children's Services Training Package are offered (no electives). This is because only the core units are pre-requisites for the Diploma of Children's Services qualification therefore students are not undertaking unnecessary electives that do not count toward a diploma award.

#### Practicum Placement

- Students undertake practicum placement in a registered Child Care Centre, preferably located close to their home. (Practicum Placement = 35 hour per year)

#### Teaching Staff

- Training is carried out by Bedford's full-time Children's Services Teachers. All teachers are appropriately qualified and have many years experience in a wide-range of children's services settings. Every teacher has undertaken formal professional development in order to stay abreast of changes in the industry and all teachers maintain employment and relationships within the child care sector.



Statement of Attainment toward - Certificate III in Children's Services (CHC30708) Stage 6 BOS Course Number 58231

Year 11	
HLTOHS300A	Contribute to OHS processes
CHCCN302A	Provide care for children
CHCCN305A	Provide care for babies
Year 12	
CHCPR303D	Develop an understanding of children's interests and developmental needs
CHCCN303A	Contribute to provision of nutritionally balanced food in a safe and hygienic manner
CHCFC301A	Support the development of children
CHCIC301D	Interact effectively with children

\*\* Please note that the units above may be changed without further notice

**Materials**

- Along with the required textbooks, students are also provided with a Practicum Workbook for their use when working at the practicum centre. The workbook outlines details of work to be done at the centre, behavioural standards, dress standards, etc. Bedford's Child Care Course Coordinator will liaise with the Centre on work undertaken on the job – this includes: attendance days/hours, duties performed, demonstrated skills and knowledge, initiative, etc.
- Bedford College provides each practicum centre with a Practicum Information Package outlining the expectations of the College in regard to the student's work/attitude in the Centre.

**Bridging Course \*\*\***

- Students wishing to continue their child care course after leaving school will be eligible for enrolment into a bridging course at Bedford College. Bridging students attend College full-time (Monday – Wednesday for one term (10 weeks) in order to gain the full AQF Certificate III in Children's Services
- Students may then enrol at Bedford for a further 2 terms (20 weeks) in order to complete the AQF Diploma of Children's Services (Early Childhood Education and Care). I.e. a total of 30 weeks full-time at Bedford for the bridging course and the diploma qualification.

\*\*\* *Students may choose to enrol directly into the Diploma course on completion of their VET in Schools Course (the one enrolment will cover the Bridging Course and the Diploma course). The course length will still be 3 terms (as above) but they will be eligible for VET FEE-HELP for the entire course.*

*Please note that the College's normal tuition fees (as per the advertised cost at time of application) apply for the Bridging and Diploma courses.*

**University Pathways**

Bedford College has had unsurpassed success in relation to formal articulation agreements. We can confirm that students who successfully complete the Bedford Diploma of Children's Services course are eligible for direct entry (with 1 year credit) into universities offering B.Early Childhood degrees. These universities include: Western Sydney, Wollongong, Notre Dame, Newcastle, Avondale College (Charles Sturt University offers 1.5 years credit off the degree). Universities other than those mentioned may also accept Bedford Children's Services Diploma Graduates.

**VET FEE-HELP**

- Is available to students who enrol in the Diploma of Children's Services course. More information on VET FEE-HELP can be found on our website [www.bedford.edu.au](http://www.bedford.edu.au)

