

Course Information Podcast for 18208 Diploma of Children's Services via Flexible Delivery.

Transcript:

This information is for persons who are interested in the Flexible Delivery option for the Diploma of Children's Services qualification with TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute.

The Diploma of Children's Services course is available in Flexible Delivery mode – that is, you are not required to attend a campus to undertake your study. You can study from the comfort of your home and access the online learning materials at any time.

For the Flexible Delivery Mode, you will need access to a computer and the internet. These resources are available for you to use for free at any TAFE Campus Library within the Illawarra Institute if you are enrolled as a student.

We commence the course with a compulsory Getting Started Workshop – this workshop helps to make sure that all of our new students learn how to access the online resources and how to navigate around them. It is a very practical workshop and caters for all types of computer users – from beginners to the advanced. The Getting Started Workshop is held on a Saturday.

The learning resources for the program are online. There are readings, podcasts to listen to, short videos and photostories to watch, interactive puzzles, games, activities, quizzes and forums to ensure your learning is engaging and fun. The materials are updated regularly to ensure that you are receiving the latest information and exploring current issues impacting the early childhood industry.

Your time spent online is not necessarily time spent alone. This course is designed with a group-learning focus – similar to a classroom. Twice per week you will be able to meet with other students undertaking the course in a secure online environment and exchange ideas under the guidance of an experienced facilitator. This is quite different to other flexible delivery programs – it allows you to share experiences, get ideas from others in the industry, consider different perspectives and build your own professional network.

Another feature of the program is its structure. Typically, our online our classes are held in the evenings and assist you in covering the course content and prepare you for assessment. Each unit is covered in only 4 -10 weeks. These short time frames allow you to move through the units quickly, meaning you will gain your qualification sooner! The average student is able to complete the entire program in less than 2 years.

If you are an existing worker in a children's service you will be able to undertake the practical component of the course in your own work place. For those not working in the child care industry, we will organise a work placement for you, giving you the opportunity to experience life in a child care setting and for you to practice your new skills and knowledge. In both instances, an assessor from TAFE will also use these opportunities to visit you and assess your skill development and provide you with feedback.

Studying flexibly is also environmentally friendly! There is no need to print your assignments, drive to your local TAFE and hand them in – our program allows you to upload your assessment for marking directly to your teacher – all which can be done from home or your workplace!

If this sounds like the course that you would like to do - be sure to act early!

You can register and apply online from Saturday, 1st June, 2013.

*There are 3 steps – First, locate the Diploma of Children’s Services course on the TAFE Illawarra website and click on the **Apply Now** button. Second, complete your registration for the course; Finally, complete the **Expression of Interest**, including evidence that you have met (or will have met) the entry requirements for the course. You will be asked to submit a copy of your transcript of your completed Certificate III in Children’s Services qualification. The units in the Certificate III are pre-requisite units for entry into this Diploma.*

Once submitted your expression of interest is then assessed and you will be notified of the outcome by 14th June, 2013.

We look forward to receiving your Registration and Expression of Interest!

Perhaps you still have some questions?

“**Choices**” days are also being held in various TAFE campuses across the Institute from 1st June. Check the TAFE Illawarra Website for details. You can also make an online enquiry or call our customer service centre on **1300 766 123**.