

Vocational Placement Frequently Asked Question's

Childcare – Vocational Placement Organisation's

What is vocational placement?

Vocational placement provides students with an opportunity to gain practical knowledge and experience in the childcare industry. Childcare is a very hands on industry and you can only learn so much through theory tasks. Vocational placement provides an important opportunity for students to learn in the workplace with experienced educators who can guide them in correct practices. It is also a requirement to successfully complete their qualification that they are observed within a workplace.

What will students do during vocational placement?

During vocational placement students will put into action everything they have learnt throughout their course. In order to do this, an experienced educator will need to be allocated as a supervisor for the student. The students are provided with observational reports which will give you an idea of what tasks they need to complete.

How many hours of vocational placement do students need to complete?

Students need to complete a minimum of 240 hours for the CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and 120 hours for CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. This time needs to be split between children over two and under two. Placement must be spread over the duration of the course and cannot be done in a block. We therefore recommend one day of placement a week until the student has completed their theory work, observation reports and the required number of hours of vocational placement.

What is the nominated supervisor required to do?

The nominated supervisor will hold a Diploma and be required to guide the student to practice the skills and knowledge they have learnt through their course. The supervisor will also need to sign off on the hours the student completes and will provide feedback and signing any documentation relating to student workplace projects/tasks and observations.

What documents do students have?

All students have a current blue card. Students are also covered by \$10,000,000 public liability and \$10,000,000 products liability insurance.

Are students paid to do vocational placement?

Students are not paid for completing vocational placement.

Who do I contact for more information?

You can contact our Early Childhood Education Team on 1300 552 869 for more information.
