

Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention

COURSE CODE	CHC40321
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus
Length	15 months
Commencement	April, July 2026
Timetable	One day a week on campus (Friday 9am to 3.30pm) and one evening a week (Tuesday 5pm - 8pm) via virtual classroom. Plus 120 hours of practical placement outside of timetabled class time.

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

This qualification prepares you for roles in youth and family support, including specialisations in residential and out-of-home care.

Workers in this field operate under broad supervision and within clearly defined organisational guidelines, service plans, and position specifications.

This course includes 120 hours of practical placement, giving you hands-on experience working with young people and families in real-world settings.

If you are working or would like to work in the Residential and Out of Home Care Sector, this is the minimum qualification you require.

What will I Learn?

By completing the Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention, you'll develop the essential skills to support children, young people, and families across a variety of care settings. You'll learn to work effectively in residential and out-of-home care, family support, and early intervention services, always within safe and ethical practice guidelines.

The course emphasises child safety, wellbeing, and positive behaviour support, while also building your skills in casework, client advocacy, and collaborative practice with other professionals.

Additionally, you'll gain the knowledge to operate within organisational frameworks, service plans, and legal/ethical standards. This qualification provides the minimum requirement to work in the Residential and Out-of-Home Care sector, ensuring you are job-ready to make a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

Mode of delivery

One day a week on campus (Friday 9am to 3.30pm) and one evening a week (Tuesday 5pm - 8pm) via virtual classroom*.
Plus 120 hours of practical placement outside of timetabled class time.

***Virtual classroom** - a live online teaching and learning environment where teachers and students can present course materials, engage, interact, and work in groups together.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion, you will be equipped to work in:

- Residential care
- Out-of-home care
- Client support
- Case practice support

Pathways

This course provides a pathway into Diploma of Community Services.

Placement

During the course you will be required to undertake 120 hours of practical placement outside of timetabled class time.

In order to undertake placement, you must be able to obtain a current Working with Children Check, a police check (with no disclosures) and where necessary the NDIS worker screening. You may also be required to be fully vaccinated for COVID and flu.

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

- be at least 18 years of age
- have access to a computer, microphone, webcam and internet
- meet the requirements of the written selection questionnaire and the language, literacy and numeracy assessment or have a support plan in place

Placement requirement

In order to undertake placement, you must:

- be able to obtain a current Working with Children Check
- obtain a police check with no disclosures
- where necessary the NDIS worker screening
- you may also be required to be fully vaccinated for COVID and flu.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 16 units: 11 core units and 5 electives.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
HLTWHS001	Participate in Workplace Health and Safety	20	\$0.00
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	40	\$0.00
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety	25	\$0.00
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically	55	\$0.00
CHCCCS006	Facilitate individual service planning and delivery	120	\$0.00
CHCCOM002	Use communication to build relationships	55	\$0.00
CHCMHS007	Work effectively in trauma informed care	40	\$0.00
CHCPRT025	Identify and report children and young people at risk	40	\$0.00
CHCPRT027	Work collaboratively to maintain an environment safe for children and young people	50	\$0.00
CHCPRT029	Work within a practice framework	50	\$0.00
CHCPRT034	Work with children and young people with complex trauma and attachment issues and needs	75	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CHCCCS016	Respond to client needs	60	\$0.00
CHCMHS001	Work with people with mental health issues	80	\$0.00
CHCCCS009	Facilitate responsible behaviour	40	\$0.00
CHCDEV004	Confirm developmental status	60	\$0.00
CHCPRT033	Provide support to children and youth in out-of-home care	90	\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$3,195.00
Concession rate	\$640.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$11,475.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$0.00

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.

How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).