

Certificate IV in School Based Education Support

COURSE CODE	CHC40221
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus, Online, Workshops
Length	12 months
Commencement	February 2026
Timetable	Virtual classes, online learning, and workshops on campus. Plus 100 hours of work placement.

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 is an exciting career path offering the opportunities to supervise or provide leadership to other education support staff or volunteers. Build on your existing education support skills and knowledge to broaden your career opportunities in a range of education settings.

This is an ideal opportunity for those who have completed the [Certificate III in School Based Education Support](#) or those who are currently working in the field. This program can be offered as a [Traineeship](#).

What will I Learn?

During this course, you will develop and build on your current knowledge of the education support industry.

You will develop your skills and knowledge in providing education support to take on increased responsibilities in leadership and or supervisory roles.

Mode of delivery

Virtual classes*, online learning, and workshops on [campus](#). Plus 100 hours of work placement.

*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 gain employment with increased responsibilities in leadership and or supervisory roles including:

- Education assistant
- Education support worker
- Literacy worker
- Teacher aide
- Teacher assistant
- Specialist support worker

Pathways

- [Certificate IV in Disability](#)
- [Diploma of Community Services](#)

Upon the completion of this qualification, you may wish to continue on to further study in the education sector such as an Associate degree or Bachelor of Education. Opportunities are also available to [work within the TAFE sector](#), NDIS programs and educational businesses.

Placement

You will be required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of placement during this course.

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 17 years of age
- You must be able to demonstrate employment in a relevant education setting working with children (5-18 years old) for a minimum of 12 months. This could be provided in the form of a current resume or a letter from a current employer. You will need to provide this to be sighted during the interview stage of your application.
- You must have completed the [Certificate III in School Based Education Support](#) and provide evidence of successful completion during the interview stage of your application,
- Obtain a Police Check (any disclosures will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Provide a Working with Children Check (any disclosures will be considered on a case-by-case basis)

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification, you must successfully complete 17 units: 13 core and 4 electives.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CHCPRT001	Identify and Respond to Children and Young People at Risk	40	\$0.00
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	40	\$0.00
CHCPRP003	Reflect on and improve own professional practice	120	\$0.00
CHCECE054	Encourage understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples cultures	55	\$0.00

CHCEDS033	Meet legal and ethical obligations in an education support environment	35	\$0.00
CHCEDS059	Contribute to the health, safety and wellbeing of students	30	\$0.00
CHCEDS045	Support student mathematics learning	45	\$0.00
CHCEDS046	Support student literacy learning	65	\$0.00
CHCEDS047	Assist in facilitation of student learning	50	\$0.00
CHCEDS048	Work with students in need of additional learning support	70	\$0.00
CHCEDS051	Facilitate learning for students with disabilities	70	\$0.00
CHCEDS056	Provide support to students with autism spectrum disorder	50	\$0.00
CHCEDS058	Support the implementation of behaviour plans	70	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
HLTWHS001	Participate in Workplace Health and Safety	20	\$0.00
CHCDIS009	Facilitate ongoing skills development using a person-centred approach	50	\$0.00
CHCDIS004	Communicate using augmentative and alternative communication strategies	60	\$0.00
CHCEDS040	Search and access online information	30	\$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.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

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)	\$3,465.00
Concession rate	\$695.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$14,040.00
Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$100.00

This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Free TAFE place 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). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about Free TAFE courses and eligibility](#) or contact our Customer Service team.

This course is part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program

A Free TAFE Pathways Program is a group of courses that complement each other to help you continue to train for the career and industry you may wish to work in. For eligible students, these courses are tuition fee free. Depending on the course, you may still be required to pay material fees. The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about the Free TAFE Pathways Program and eligibility](#) or contact us.

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, debited from your Centrelink payments 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](#).