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Job roles, skills and knowledge

It is important to know that a traineeship is not a substitute for academic study or work experience. To qualify for a traineeship, you must have at least a year of work or study experience in an area related to the trade. This will be important as you will need to be able to apply appropriate learning to practical situations.

Workplace Learning

Opportunities and choices

In New South Wales, the Certificate III in Children's Services is a 24-month traineeship. There are three pathways to the same qualification: one that is delivered in the workplace as well as the classroom, one that is delivered in the workplace, and one that is delivered in the classroom. Financial assistance is offered to employers and their trainees by NSW Community Services & Health Industry Training Advisory Body. There are also a number of professional organisations that resource and support the sectors of children's services in New South Wales and is an initiative funded by the Australian Government.

Working in the Early Childhood Sector

Training Packages

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2. Assessment guidelines
3. Standards
4. Qualifications
5. Training packages
6. Resources

The big picture

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