

Frequently Asked Questions

The below questions have been compiled from our most recent information session.

- **Is this course flexible. Can I work and do this study?**
The course is blended delivery of online and weekly workshops on campus.
 - **Does the qualification extend past Tasmania?**
It is a nationally recognised qualification.
 - **Can this course be done part time?**
We are only offering the course full time.
 - **Would I be able to finish class early to pick up children?**
It is preferred that you stay until the end of the school day for both workshops on campus and work placement.
 - **Is there a high demand for Teachers Assistants on the NW? I was told with the Government cuts years ago it is hard to get a position in this role nowadays?**
We have found in the past that students are initially more likely to be successful in gaining relief and contract employment.
 - **Will the second edition of the text book still be able to be used? I bought it last year but had to pull out of the course due to COVID.**
We would prefer students to working from the 3rd edition as it is more current. We will be using the 3rd edition in workshops.
 - **What are the hours per week for Centrelink purposes?**
This course qualifies as a full-time course for Centrelink.
 - **I work as a Teacher Assistant Relief with the DOE, can I be RPL?**
For all RPL queries please email the Early Childhood and Education team and a TasTAFE teacher from your region will be in contact: earlychildhoodandeducation@TasTAFE.tas.edu.au.
 - **Is there an evening option for the 3 hours required on campus?**
Workshops will be only be offered during the day and days may vary between regions.
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- **If I am already employed in this area can I do my placement at my place of work?**
If you will be employed in 2022 as a Teacher Assistant (contract or permanent) your employment will count as your work placement. You will not be required to do an extra placement.
- **When shall I do the literacy and numeracy test?**
You will be directed to complete this during the application process.
- **Further study opportunities after ending this courses?**
Please refer to the Cert III Education Support course page on the TasTAFE website for info on further study opportunities.
- **By what dates are the fees required?**
Once you accept your offer you will receive an email confirming your place in the course and an invoice for your fees.
- **With independent study time is there a set time during the day we have to log on and do our study?**
The online learning component of this course (Canvas) is flexible and can be accessed 24/7.
- **Do I need my Registration to Work with Vulnerable People prior to applying?**
Yes - or at least a receipt that you have applied. Your card will then need to be shown prior to commencing the course.
- **Is it to study fully online?**
The course is blended delivery with about 80% studying online.
- **If we need to do the literacy and numeracy test online how do we go about this?**
You will be directed to complete this during the application process.
- **When does payment have to be made?**
Once you receive your invoice you will have 28 days to organise full payment or see Client Services to organise a payment plan. The Applying at TasTAFE presentation on the website's Apply and Enrol page goes through this process for you.
- **Do you stay at the one school for the entire practical placement time?**
Yes - this is important for building relationships within the school community.

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- **Is this a 12 month course?**
Yes - the course is completed in one academic year - from Feb to early Dec.
- **Does TasTAFE provide Centrelink with a letter of hours of study?**
Yes - once you have started the course.
- **Given the Covid19 restrictions around maximum people allowed in an area, is it expected that not all who apply will be given a place on the course (to be able to attend workshop)?**
We have a limited places per region and places often fill quickly.
- **Is the workshop session the only time we spend on campus each week?**
That is correct.
- **I have completed some units from an online education facility last year. Will these units completed be considered for credit?**
Quite possibly if the units are from this qualification and are the same. Email us and a teacher from your region will contact you - earlychildhoodandeducation@TasTAFE.tas.edu.au.
- **What happens if you have a trip planned next year what happens to those classes or prac?**
This will depend on how long for and when you would be absent. It would be best to email the details to us and a teacher from your region will be in contact - earlychildhoodandeducation@TasTAFE.tas.edu.au.
- **How do I make sure to get the day I need for the workshops as I can only attend on a certain day?**
Once you are enrolled, teachers in each region will contact students before the end of this year about workshop days. You will have the opportunity then to specify a specific day if you have a valid reason for your request for example childcare, work.
- **My working with vulnerable people card will expire on 23/01/2021, the course starts in Feb. The tuition includes \$19 for working with vulnerable people card?**
The tuition fee does NOT include the cost of the Polo top, textbook or RWVP (Associated costs). If your application is accepted we suggest you organise the renewal of your Card asap.
- **Will my 2020 TasTAFE card will be ok?**
If your enrolment is accepted you will need to renew your TasTAFE student card next year.



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- **Can I opt for high school over primary school?**

This may be possible depending where you are. Once enrolled, your TasTAFE teacher can discuss the pros and cons with you.

- **Can I apply with a Master degree?**

You can apply for the course however you need to provide evidence of Year 10 Maths and English or equivalent. Apply and Enrol page <https://www.tastafe.tas.edu.au/students/apply-and-enrol>.

- **I have an overseas Bachelor degree so is that enough for the entry?**

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