Looking to Enter the Childcare Industry?

We can help you with your studies by offering flexible training options - traineeships, face-to-face, RPL, online and blended study.

At Diversity Skills Training we cater for the training needs of our diverse community. We are committed to supporting our students every step of the way to ensure that you are prepared with the real world of skills to succeed in your work and careers in early childhood.

Enquire today about our new funding options and about our special prices for enrolments in December and January 2015.

For those already in the early childhood field, and want to upskill, Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) is a great way to use all your experience to gain a qualification. Call us for more information on whether you can qualify.

You can also check out our great range of workshops and book to stay ahead of the game in the evermore competitive and challenging childcare industry.

First Aid Special

To celebrate our new first aid course running successfully, we are offering a special low price for the month of December for our Brisbane clients.

At a price of $69 p/p

It's an offer not to be missed!

Call the Brisbane office to book your place on (07) 3209 5513

START YOUR STUDY TODAY WITH OUR FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS

We at Diversity Skills Training understand it can be hard for you to pay your course fees upfront, which is why we are offering an interest free payment plan for all our students.

You can choose to pay in weekly, fortnightly or monthly instalments, with our professional and friendly staff happy to help you work out a plan that best suits you.

Feel free to contact us for further information.
A Success Story

Rwgaia Salih was one of our recent graduates from Perth.

Rwgaia came to Australia wanting to start a new life. Life was tough for her before but she hoped for better chances for herself and her family when she migrated to Australia with her husband and young daughter.

Rwgaia moved to Perth and as her family grew, she signed up with a Family Day Care Scheme, finding a way to care for children in her home along with her own family. This was not easy and there were many challenges, including becoming qualified with Certificate III in Children’s Services.

Studying every week over 6 months, she built her skills in early childhood, found new friends and had a lot of fun with the DST Trainer Karla.

Now armed with a Certificate III in Children’s Services, she’s excited to see what the future brings for her. As a nationally accredited course, she is deciding whether she will study the Diploma in order to increase her skills and employment opportunities.

More Classes Starting

Our Certificate III and Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care have been popular to those wanting to get in childcare and also to those wanting to upskill.

We have classes running in Sydney, Brisbane and we just started classes in Perth.

Contact us today about your study options!

Toilet Training

Is your child ready for potty or toilet training?

Your child potty or toilet training can be a big and exciting step for the both you and your child.

As we head into the warmer months, it generally is the best time to start toilet training your child - provided that your child is showing signs that they are ready.

It is important know that there is no relation between toilet training and a child’s IQ. It is a physical growth that your child needs to develop before they are ready.

Once training starts, it can take up to 3-4 weeks for success. Sometimes it may take up to several months.

Remember that if tensions are rising for both you and your child during this time, it’s ok to take a breather, and take a couple weeks or even months off. You can put your child back into nappies until you and your child feels less anxious about it.

It’s common for children to have ‘accidents’ up to a year of two after successful toilet training, and night time dryness can be a late as 8 years, although it is common that children achieve this around 5 years.

Tips for Successful Toilet Training

- Decide on whether you want to use the potty or the toilet.
- Allow you child to watch others using the toilet and talk through the process with them.
- Use trainer pants or undies so you child is able to feel it when they are wet.
- Practice some ‘Toilet timing’ where you may know/guess when your child normally does a poo or wee, and take them to the toilet - It’s good for them to know what ‘feelings’ to look for.
- Encourage your child for ‘tries’ (when they go sit on the toilet without success) as well as praise when they are successful.
- Encourage your child to take off and/or pull up their undies and pants/skirts when going to the toilet (Help if needed).

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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day in Australia is an occasion to commemorate and remember all Australians who have died as a result of war.

On 11th November 1918 at 11am, the hostilities of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month now marks Remembrance Day - a day where we commemorate the men and women who fought, died and suffered for Australia’s cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Our classes commemorated this Remembrance Day by making beautiful posters of poppies. The Remembrance Poppy has been used since 1921 after inspiration came from a World War One poem called “in Flanders Fields” by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian physician. It’s immediate popularity in 1915 meant that its references to red poppies, that grew over the graves of soldiers, into a prominent symbol of remembrance.

What a lovely way to commemorate the brave men and women who fought for our country.

Study Cert IV in WHS

Enhance your skills and knowledge with an essential Certificate IV in Work, Health & Safety. Cert IV in WHS is useful for anyone wishing to improve on their workplace safety and health practices.

You can study at your own pace online or come to one of our face to face classes to upskill your knowledge today!

Are you currently studying?

From January 2015, Students undertaking any nationally recognised training in Australia, will need to apply for a Unique Student Identifier (USI).

A USI will help keep your training records and results together in an account that you are able to access online through your computer, tablet and smartphone.

Each time you study, your USI will be used to store your training records and results, which you can access online whenever you need - you can also choose to send and print the records.

Make sure you provide DST with your USI when you begin your training with us.

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What Does the Working with Children’s Check Mean for Your Service?

From July 2013, all jurisdictions in Australia had some form legislation regarding the prescreening of any child-related employment.

Managed at a state or territory level, a Working With Children’s Check makes an assessment of the level of risk an individual poses to the safety of children. Although each Check includes a National Police Check, a Working With Children’s Check is more extensive and targeted to the particular state or territory it was applied for. This means that a Check is only valid for the state or territory it has been conducted in, and in which the child-related work is being engaged.

Does your service fulfil the requirements of the state or territory you are working in?

Is your service Sun Safe?

Early Childhood services have an important role to play in providing sun safe environments - especially with Australia having the highest incidence of cancer in the world.

A majority of skin cancers are preventable so starting consistent and informed sun safe behaviours early in childhood, paves way for best practice during the first 20 years of a child’s life when their skin is most susceptible to skin damage. Sun safe strategies are best role modeled by educators in routine environment where children can pick up sun safe habits.

Infants under 6 months of age should be kept out of the sun as their skin possess little melanin that provides some sun protection and their skin is still too sensitive for sunscreen. It is best to start sun safety with hats, lightweight & comfortable clothing, and utilising outdoor before 10am and after 4pm. When playing outdoors between the time of 10am-4pm, try to seek shade where possible. As children get older, it is important to educate them about sun safety. Even on a cloudy day, the sun’s rays can still be harmful.

Contact us today for Sun Safety sessions for your staff and service!

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Sun Safety

How can you protect the children you care for from the sun this summer?

- Dress children in lightweight and long clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Wide brimmed hats that covers children's face, ears and neck.
- Apply broad spectrum sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher) on areas left uncovered, such as face, hands and feet (Safe for children 6 months and older).
- Ensure that sunscreen is applied half an hour before going outside and reapplied every 2 hours.
- Try to seek shade between 10am - 4pm when the sun is at its hottest.
- It is effective to begin educating your toddlers and preschoolers in sun safety procedures, such as wearing hats, putting on sunscreen properly and wearing appropriately clothes (avoiding singlets and straps)
- Follow the slogan of Slip (on a shirt), Slop (on sunscreen), Slap (on a hat), Seek (shade) and Slide (on sunglasses).