# COURSE INFORMATION

# CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support





Australian Qualifications Framework









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# WHY CHOOSE US?



50% choose ITAC For the CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support.



GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES Courses subsidised by the Queensland government.



TEACHER AIDE COMBO Australia's only true Teacher Aide Combo – saving time and money.



SUPPORT Friendly trainers with years of experience in local schools.



**30-DAY NO OBLIGATION** So you can be sure that the course is right for you.



RESEARCH-BASED CONTENT Learn the best practice skills that schools now demand.



PAYMENT PLANS FROM \$15

Interest free plans from \$15 - no hidden fees; includes all resources.



INTEGRATED STRUCTURE Australia's only integrated course structure means finishing sooner.



FREE LEARNER GUIDE Free learner guides, live webinars, e-books

and a library of lectures.



PLACEMENT We visit every learner on placement to help improve your practice.



MODES





LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

Links with thousands of schools around Australia.

Ebony Springall - ITAC graduate and 2020 South Australian VET student of the year.



# CHC30221 CERTIFICATE III IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

#### Australia's most popular teacher aide course

The CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support is the introductory teacher aide course that covers all of the basics of working in a school under the direct supervision of a teacher. Most adult learners should enrol directly into the <u>Teacher Aide Combo</u> (most recommended) or the <u>CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support</u> as more than 80% of positions require the higher-level qualification.

Key points about ITAC's CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support:

- An introductory course for working in a mainstream classroom under direct supervision.
- Generally does not involve supporting children with additional needs.
- Covers foundational classroom skills such as basic instructional strategies.
- <u>Assessments</u> based on short answer questions, quizzes and work-based tasks.
- Australia's only Integrated structure which means finishing sooner.
- Earn merit and other certificates to add to your resume.
- Links with thousands of schools across Australia.
- Learner guides, live webinars, interactive e-learning modules all included.
- Mainly suitable for high school aged students or those who are learning to speak English.

Also unique to ITAC is our <u>research-based curriculum</u> which means learning many of the foundational skills that teachers learn at university. Because schools now expect support workers to have these skills, ITAC's courses have become the industry standard when it comes to teacher aide training in Australia. Don't risk your career with the second best – enrol with the go-to provider for teacher aide courses in Australia – ITAC.

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CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support

The introductory teacher aide course covering all the basics of working in a school.



TEACHER AIDE COMBO

Study two courses in one streamlined program.

completing ITAC's popular Teacher Aide Combo.



The industry standard TA course with a focus on disabilities and disorders,



Have a look at our range of sample course resources and materials

Be sure to ask your provider for a sample of their resources and assessments before enrolling,

#### **INCLUDED IN THE COURSE**

INTEREST FREE PAYMENT PLANS	
30-DAY NO OBLIGATION PERIOD	
FREE LEARNER GUIDE & E-BOOKS	
STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE	
FRIENDLY LOCAL TRAINERS	
WEEKLY CATCH-UP WEBINARS	
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES IN QLD	•
FREE SHORT COURSES	Ø
LEARN RESEARCHBASED SKILLS	Ø
UNLIMITED FRIENDLY SUPPORT	
HARDCOPY CERTIFICATE	
NO EXAMS, TESTS OR ESSAYS.	

# COURSE DETAILS: CHC30221 CERTIFICATE III IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT



#### Qualification

CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support



Nationally recognised Yes.



**Locations** Available Australia wide.

#### Distance/online mode

Structured, supported and flexible selfpaced mode available Australia wide. See the flyer for distance/online mode here.

#### **Class-based mode**

Available in Perth (Cockburn). Attend a series of 10 introductory workshops held 1 day per week, plus self-paced study at home. Workshops begin every school term. For class-based mode we recommend the Teacher Aide Combo. See the class calendar here. See the class-based flyer here.

#### **Recognition of prior learning**

RPL is suitable for TAs with significant industry experience, current employment as a TA, and a history of ongoing professional development. See the RPL flyer <u>here</u>.

#### Time to complete

A learner who has no experience with children or any previous study or employment history, may take 26 weeks or 600 hours to complete this program. Learners who have experience with children (including parents and carers), related 'people' industries such as childcare or aged care, or who have studied at this level or higher before, may complete this course in a shorter period of time.



#### **Enrolment period**

Learners are initially enrolled for 12 months. This allows for periods of illness, travel and other interruptions. ITAC is currently providing a free 4-month extension to all students due to COVID.



#### Assessments

Theory assessments are mainly short answer questions. Students complete workbased tasks while on placement such as a portfolio, scenarios and demonstrations. There are no exams or essays.

#### Work placement

This qualification requires all learners to complete a 100-hour placement in a local school (Pre-primary - Year 12).

#### Topics

Basic concepts such as hazards and risks, policies and procedures, building rapport and motivating students, basic teaching and learning concepts such as the 3Ps (pause, prompt, praise) and teaching phonics to small groups and individuals.

#### Employability

Graduates typically find work in a mainstream classroom setting.

#### Certificate

On completion you will be issued an embossed hardcopy certificate. Learners may also earn printable certificates for completed assessments and quizzes, as well as other awards e.g. Certificate of Merit.

Government payments (Centrelink) Learners enrolled in this course may be eligible for government payments. See Services Australia's website for details.









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### UNITS OF COMPETENCY FOR THE CHC30221 CERTIFICATE III IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

- CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
- CHCEDS033 Meet legal and ethical obligations in an education support environment
- CHCEDS034 Contribute to the planning and implementation of educational programs
- CHCEDS035 Contribute to student education in all developmental domains
- CHCEDS036 Support the development of literacy and oral language skills
- CHCEDS037 Support the development of numeracy skills
- CHCEDS057 Support students with additional needs in the classroom environment
- CHCEDS059 Contribute to the health, safety and wellbeing of students
- CHCEDS060 Work effectively with students and colleagues
- CHCEDS061 Support responsible student behaviour
- CHCEDS041 Set up and sustain learning areas
- HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety
- CHCEDS048 Work with students in need of additional learning support
- CHCEDS047 Assist in facilitation of student learning
- CHCEDS058 Support the implementation of behaviour plans



# CHC40221 CERTIFICATE IV IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

#### Australia's most popular teacher aide course

The CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support is the standard teacher aide course that schools expect all new support staff to hold. This course has a focus on supporting the behaviour and learning of children with additional needs.

Key points about ITAC's CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support:

- A higher-level course that qualifies graduates for almost every support position.
- Covers foundational classroom skills such as instructional strategies.
- Also covers knowledge of disabilities and disorders such as autism and dyslexia.
- <u>Assessments</u> based on short answer questions, quizzes and work-like tasks.
- Australia's only Integrated structure which means finishing sooner.
- Earn merit and other certificates to add to your resume.
- Links with thousands of schools across Australia.
- Learner guides, live webinars, interactive e-learning modules all included.
- Structured and supportive online mode or class-based in WA.
- Adult learners should enrol directly into this course (or the Teacher Aide Combo) because more than 80% of positions involve supporting children with additional needs.
- Completion of this course often means a higher starting salary.

Also unique to ITAC is our <u>research-based curriculum</u> which means learning many of the foundational skills that teachers learn at university. Because schools now expect support workers to have these skills, ITAC's courses have become the industry standard when it comes to teacher aide training in Australia. Don't risk your career with the second best - enrol with the go-to provider for teacher aide courses in Australia - ITAC.

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INTEREST FREE PAYMENT PLANS	Ø
30-DAY NO OBLIGATION PERIOD	•
FREE LEARNER GUIDE & E-BOOKS	Ø
STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE	Ø
FRIENDLY LOCAL TRAINERS	Ø
WEEKLY CATCH-UP WEBINARS	
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES IN QLD	
FREE SHORT COURSES	Ø
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UNLIMITED FRIENDLY SUPPORT	Ø
HARDCOPY CERTIFICATE	Ø
NO EXAMS, TESTS OR ESSAYS.	Ø

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# COURSE DETAILS: CHC40221 CERTIFICATE IV IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT



#### Qualification

CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support



Nationally recognised Yes.

**Locations** Available Australia wide.



#### Distance/online mode

Structured, supported and flexible self-paced mode available Australia wide. See the flyer for distance/online mode <u>here</u>.

#### **Class-based mode**

Available in Perth (Cockburn). Attend a series of 10 introductory workshops held 1 day per week, plus self-paced study at home. Workshops begin every school term. For classbased mode we recommend the <u>Teacher Aide</u> <u>Combo</u>. See the class calendar <u>here</u>. See the class-based flyer <u>here</u>.

#### **Recognition of prior learning**

RPL is suitable for TAs with significant industry experience, current employment as a TA, and a history of ongoing professional development. See the RPL flyer <u>here</u>.

#### Time to complete

A learner who has no experience with children or any previous study or employment history, may take 26 weeks or 600 hours to complete this program. Learners who have experience with children (including parents and carers), related 'people' industries such as childcare or aged care, or who have studied at this level or higher before, may complete this course in a shorter period of time.

#### **Enrolment period**

Learners are initially enrolled for 12 months. This allows for periods of illness, travel and other interruptions. ITAC is currently providing a free 4-month extension to all students due to COVID.





### Assessments

Theory assessments are mainly short answer questions. Students complete work-based tasks while on placement such as a portfolio, scenarios and demonstrations. There are no exams or essays.



#### Work placement

This qualification requires all learners to complete a 100-hour placement in a local school (Pre-primary - Year 12).

#### **Topics**

Students study a range of best practice strategies and learn to apply them with students with additional needs particularly autism, intellectual disability and ADHD. Students study research-based behavioural and instructional techniques such as explicit instruction and systematic prompting. Students are exposed to several advanced concepts such as the zone of proximal development.

#### Employability

Graduates of this course are qualified to work in any TA role including schools or centres for students with additional needs, or other specialist programs.

#### Certificate

On completion you will be issued an embossed hardcopy certificate. Learners may also earn printable certificates for completed assessments and quizzes, as well as other awards e.g. Certificate of Merit.

#### Government payments (Centrelink)

Learners enrolled in this course may be eligible for government payments. See <u>Services</u> Australia's website for details.





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# UNITS OF COMPETENCY

- CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
- CHCECE054 Encourage understanding of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples' cultures
- CHCEDS033 Meet legal and ethical obligations in an education environment
- CHCEDS045 Support student mathematics learning
- CHCEDS046 Support student literacy learning
- CHCEDS047 Assist in facilitation of student learning
- CHCEDS048 Work with students in need of additional learning support
- CHCEDS051 Facilitate learning for students with disabilities
- CHCEDS056 Provide support to students with autism spectrum disorder
- CHCEDS058 Support the implementation of behaviour plans
- CHCEDS059 Contribute to the health, safety and wellbeing of students
- CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice
- CHCPRT001 Identify and respond to children and young people at risk
- CHCDIS009 Facilitate ongoing skills development using a person-centred approach
- HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety
- CHCEDS036 Support the development of literacy and oral language skills
- CHCEDS061 Support responsible student behaviour



# ITAC'S UNIQUE TEACHER AIDE COMBO

#### Australia's most popular teacher aide course

While the Certificate III qualifies students to work in a mainstream classroom and the Certificate IV to work with children with additional needs, the Teacher Aide Combo enables you to work in both. Finish sooner by enrolling in Australia's only true Teacher Aide Combo thanks to ITAC's unique <u>integrated course design</u>.

Key points about ITAC's Teacher Aide Combo:

- Australia's only true teacher aide combo.
- Integrated structure means finishing sooner while learning the same content.
- Takes not much longer than a single course.
- Save almost \$1600 compared to completing two separate courses.
- Learn everything from both nationally recognised teacher aide courses.
- Boost your resume, confidence, skills and employability.
- Assessments based on short answer questions, quizzes and work-like tasks.
- Earn merit and other certificates to add to your resume.
- Links with thousands of schools across Australia.
- Learner guides, live webinars, interactive e-learning modules all included.
- Structured and supportive online mode or class-based in WA.
- Completion of this course often means a higher starting salary.

Also unique to ITAC is our <u>research-based curriculum</u> which means learning many of the foundational skills that teachers learn at university. Because schools now expect support workers to have these skills, ITAC's courses have become the industry standard. Don't risk your career with the second best - enrol with the go-to provider for teacher aide courses in Australia - ITAC.

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INTRODUCTORY COURSE

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### INCLUDED IN THE COURSE

SAVE AN AMAZING \$2100	Ø
INTEREST FREE PAYMENT PLANS	Ø
30-DAY NO OBLIGATION PERIOD	Ø
FREE LEARNER GUIDE & E-BOOKS	Ø
STUDY AT YOUR OWN PACE	Ø
FRIENDLY LOCAL TRAINERS	Ø
WEEKLY CATCH-UP WEBINARS	Ø
NO ADDITIONAL OR HIDDEN FEES	Ø
FREE SHORT COURSES	Ø
LEARN RESEARCHBASED SKILLS	Ø
UNLIMITED FRIENDLY SUPPORT	Ø
HARCOPY CERTIFICATE	Ø

# COURSE DETAILS: THE ORIGINAL TEACHER AIDE COMBO



#### Qualification

CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support & CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support



#### Locations

Yes.

Available Australia wide.

Nationally recognised



#### **Distance/online mode**

Structured, supported and flexible selfpaced mode available Australia wide.



#### **Class-based mode**

Available in Perth (Cockburn). Attend a series of 10 introductory workshops held 1 day per week, plus self-paced study at home. Workshops begin every school term. See the class calendar here. See the class-based flyer here.



#### **Recognition of prior learning**

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#### Time to complete

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#### **Enrolment period**

Learners are initially enrolled for 12 months. This allows for periods of illness, travel and other interruptions. ITAC is currently providing a free 4-month extension to all students due to COVID.







#### **Assessments**

Theory assessments are mainly short answer questions. Students complete work-based tasks while on placement such as a portfolio, scenarios and demonstrations. There are no exams or essavs.



#### Work placement

This gualification requires all learners to complete a 100-hour placement in a local school (Pre-primary - Year 12).

#### **Topics**

Students learn everything from the CHC30221 and the CHC40221. This includes basic and advanced behaviour management techniques, support strategies for students with disabilities and disorders, a range of best practice teaching strategies, and operational and logistic tasks expected of teacher aides at this level. Students also learn more advanced concepts such teaching metacognitive skills.



#### Employability

Graduates of this course are qualified to work in any TA role including schools or centres for students with additional needs, or other specialist programs.

#### **Certificate**

On completion you will be issued an embossed hardcopy certificate. Learners may also earn printable certificates for completed assessments and guizzes, as well as other awards e.g. Certificate of Merit.

#### **Government payments (Centrelink)**

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Welcome to the home of Australia's most popular teacher aide course. The Institute of Teacher Aide Courses (ITAC) is the pre-eminent and leading provider of nationally recognised teacher aide courses in Australia. ITAC is a specialist provider delivering research-based, best practice skills. Here's a few quick facts about ITAC:

- ITAC has links with thousands of schools across Australia.
- ITAC offers the only integrated teacher aide course in Australia.
- ITAC is the only provider in Australia offering a 'true' Teacher Aide Combo.
- ITAC is the only provider in Australia teaching a research-based curriculum.
- ITAC is an award winning provider our students have also won several awards.
- ITAC's completion rate is 3x the national average according to the NCVER.
- More than 50% of students choose ITAC for the CHC40221 Certificate IV in Education Support.
- ITAC has hundreds of positive reviews with a 4.7 star rating on Google and 4.9 on Facebook.
- ITAC provide students with interest free payment plans and a 30-day no obligation period.
- ITAC's courses come with free learner guides, e-books, short courses, and live webinars.
- ITAC's expert trainers develop all course materials in-house.
- ITAC's trainers are registered schoolteachers many with high-level qualifications.
- ITAC's students can earn certificates throughout their course to boost their resume.
- ITAC's assessments are mainly short-answer questions, quizzes and workplace tasks.
- ITAC have published several <u>#1 best-selling books</u>.
- ITAC's CEO is an advisor to government on teacher aide qualifications.

For these and many other reasons, ITAC's courses have become the standard when it comes to teacher aide training in Australia.













CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support Teacher Aide Combo

### COMBINING BOTH COURSES TO SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY.











#### What is the Teacher Aide Combo? ITAC's popular Teacher Aide

<u>Combo</u> is a streamlined program that combines both nationally recognised teacher aide qualifications into one cost effective course. In fact, students save \$2100 compared to completing both qualifications separately. ITAC offer Australia's <u>only true Teacher</u> <u>Aide Combo</u> – instead of studying 32 units (15 from Cert III and 17 from Cert IV) students complete four work-like modules. Holding both qualifications means students are highly skilled, confident in their abilities, and very employable.



#### Does the Teacher Aide Combo save time?

Absolutely it does. Because ITAC's courses are developed using an <u>integrated course</u> <u>structure</u>, students finish many months earlier compared to a unit-by-unit course. In fact, some students finish 6-9 months sooner while still learning the exact same content. Why? An integrated course structure means a significant amount of duplication is deleted. This saves students time and money, but also means they can focus on the core skills that

will make them a highly effective support worker.

Besides saving time and money, are there any other benefits? Yes, there are several key benefits to completing the Teacher Aide Combo. First, the Certificate III is designed for working in a mainstream class and the Certificate IV is for working with students with special needs (e.g. autism). Completing both means you are qualified to work in any support position in any Australian school. Second, students learn more in the Teacher Aide Combo than if they completed two separate courses. This means more confidence, higher job satisfaction and more opportunities. Third, having two certificates on your resume (and to show

on job interviews) gives our graduates a leg up in the job market.

Is the Teacher Aide Combo popular? Yes – it is our most popular program. In fact, almost all students enrol in the Teacher Aide Combo. Schools prefer students who hold both the Cert III and the Cert IV, and who have studied a research-based course.

Does the Teacher Aide Combo require extra work? The difference between the Cert IV and the Teacher Aide Combo is minimal in terms of the number of hours required overall. We advise students that the Teacher Aide Combo is about 10% more 'work', however this 10% is valuable in terms of the skills and knowledge that students gain. As ITAC's courses have become the industry standard in teacher aide training in Australia, schools know that the Teacher Aide Combo means better skilled staff and therefore, better outcomes for children.

Are classes available for the Teacher Aide Combo? Classes are available in Western Australia and begin 8 times per year. We also run weekly live webinars for online students as well as tutorials in certain areas. See the class calendar for details.details.

What are the assessments like in the Teacher Aide Combo? Assessments in the Teacher Aide Combo are similar to the CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support in terms of the level of knowledge and skills expected of students. Students complete short answer questions, a work portfolio and a workplace demonstration.







CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support Teacher Aide Combo

# WEEKLY WORKSHOPS IN A FRIENDLY & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.











Why enrol in class-based mode? Many students enjoy the social aspects of being in class, the opportunity to ask questions, the weekly structure and routine that it provides, and the opportunity to spend the day concentrating on their course without the usual distractions. The completion rate for students who attend classes is slightly higher than our distance or online mode of study. Class-based students also tend to complete their program a little faster.

How is the course structured? ITAC classes can be described as a series of workshops. Each workshop introduces students to a main topic from their course. Classes are held once a week during family-friendly hours, so students have time to drop off and pick up kids from school. The class covers a different topic each week such as safety, literacy, numeracy, and behaviour management. Most of the course is completed at home on non-contact days by logging into the student portal.

What can I expect during the class? The atmosphere of classes is friendly, supportive, and adult orientated. Classes typically comprise a combination of trainer-led lectures, discussions, practical activities, individual practice, pair and group work, as well as activities specific to the topic of the day. Each class is packed with useful and engaging activities that lead to the

achievement of specific learning goals. Students also work on their assessments and interact with other students during breaks. Free tea and coffee is provided.

How much time do I need to study each week? The course is designed to be completed in 26 weeks or over a longer time period for parttime students or those with additional needs. Most students study between 10 and 25 hours per week including classes, tutorials, webinars, online lectures, readings, placement, and assessment activities. As the course is largely self-paced, students can choose how much time they dedicate to their studies each week.

What activities am I required to complete outside of class? The course is structured in an easy to follow, user-friendly manner. Students regularly access their online portal in order to watch videos and lectures, attend live webinars, read learner guides and other materials, and complete a range of interactive activities to complement their learning. Once the learning portion of a cluster is complete, students can begin the relevant assessment. The placement is completed towards the end of the course in a local school.

Does it cost more to attend classes? Class-based students pay a small Resources, Booking and Amenities fee to cover the cost of additional cleaning, resources and refreshments. This fee includes a hardcopy Learner Guide.

#### What is the difference between class-based mode and distance/online mode?

Class-based students complete same activities and online students and follow the same structure. All students complete the same assessments and everyone has full access to ITAC's high quality resources such as interactive e-learning modules, our library of lectures, and supplementary readings to expand their knowledge.

#### I am an online student. Can I attend one or more classes? Yes.

However, please speak with your trainer first to ensure there are spaces available. Also note that we hold regular live webinars and face-to facetutorials, and both are absolutely free of charge. Attend as many as you can – the more the better. Our students can also access our prerecorded lectures and videos.

What time do classes start and end? Classes start at 9.30 and finish at 2.15. This is because many of our students are mothers who need to drop off and pick up children from school. Students can arrive earlier or stay later if they need some extra help from their trainer.





CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support Teacher Aide Combo

## STRUCTURED AND SUPPORTED STUDY FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME











#### What is online mode?

Online mode means there is no requirement to physically attend any faceto-face classes. In today's technologically enabled world however, good online courses involve weekly catch-up webinars, interactive e-learning modules, high quality resources, trainers available via phone or email, and an easy-to-use online learning platform. It also involves watching pre-recorded lectures as if you were right there in the room. While some providers think 'online' means sending the student a bunch of pdfs to read, ITAC students receive top level support and research-based training which results in high graduate employability.



#### Do I still complete a placement?

All students, regardless of their provider, have to show evidence of completing 100 hours (about 16 days) in a registered Australian school. The placement can be completed from as little as 1 day per week, however most students volunteer 2 or 3 days per week. The best thing about the placement is that many students find work at the school where they volunteer.

#### What support do I get as an online student?

While many providers advertise support – few offer the services that ITAC actually provide. First, all of ITAC's trainers have many years of experience in local schools – they know the industry like no one else and can be contacted at any stage. Second, students can attend weekly live webinars in order to meet other students and ask questions. We even do tutorials in some areas. Students also watch pre-recorded lectures and complete interactive e-learning modules.

#### Is online mode popular?

It sure is. About 90% of students enrol in online mode (not just with ITAC – with all providers). In fact, we estimate that number to grow to more than 96% in coming years. Interestingly, about 10 years ago the number of online students was

equal to the number of class-based students – not anymore! For busy adult learners, online mode is the only way that they can study. This is certainly the case for those who have work and family commitments.

#### Why is online popular?

As you may have already suspected – online mode is the ultimate in terms of flexibility. It means you can study when, where and for as long as is convenient for you. Study 10 hours this week, 20 hours the next, and nothing the week after. Study when the kids go to sleep at night; read your learner guide at the beach; watch a lecture on the train or bus – all while receiving top quality support from former schoolteachers who know what schools now expect.

#### What activities do I complete each week?

ITAC students work through a structured process designed by industry experts with decades of experience in local schools. Students read ITAC's internationally best-selling learner guide, watch pre-recorded lectures, attend live webinars, correspond with their friendly trainers if needed, work through fun e-learning modules and complete their theory assessments online. There are no essays, tests or exams.

#### How much time do I need to study each week?

ITAC's courses take around 600 hours, however most adult learners move through their course much faster (especially those with experience with children, who have studied before, or who have worked in similar 'caring' industries such as aged care). We advise students that the sweet spot seems to be around 15 hours per week in terms of moving through the course at a steady pace while maintaining motivation. An extra effort is recommended in the first 3 months or so. Of course, our online programs are self-paced and flexible so students can study more or fewer hours per week depending on their commitments.



# RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC40221 Certificate IV in School Based Education Support Teacher Aide Combo

# DEMONSTRATE EXISTING SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO GAIN A QUALIFICATION.











#### What is RPL?

RPL is the mechanism by which experienced individuals can be granted a nationally recognised qualification without having to complete a standard course of study (a sequence of learning activities followed by assessments). This saves time, money and stress because the person doesn't have to 'learn' what they already know. The training provider puts together a process that enables the individual to easily provide evidence of their capabilities, usually in a

way that relates to their current employment. This evidence is considered against the requirements of each unit of competency and, if met, a qualification is awarded.

#### Am I eligible for RPL?

As a general rule, candidates need to have at least 5 years of full-time experience in an Australian school as a teacher aide. They also need to be currently employed as a teacher aide. Candidates should also have completed a number of PDs and preferably

at least one other nationally recognised qualification at Certificate III level or higher (even if in a different field).

#### How long does RPL take and what's involved?

The entire process takes about 8 hours in total but it's usually completed over a period of a month or so. Students attend an interview (usually by phone), put together a small portfolio, collect two reference letters, complete a workplace demonstration, as well as a few other simple tasks.

#### How do I enrol in RPL?

The first step is to contact ITAC to discuss your eligibility. As all students have different work and professional experiences, we need to confirm that RPL is the best program for you. The next step is to complete our online enrolment form and to provide evidence of your eligibility e.g. a resume, pay slips. From there, we will call you for a friendly chat and to discuss the process.

#### Is there an Assessment Only option?

In some instances we suggest that students complete an AOP (Assessment Only Pathway). This refers to a situation in which the candidate ops to complete the same assessments that a full course student would complete (kind of like skipping to the final exam). Whether the candidate undertakes an AOP or standard RPL process depends on several factors which the trainer will discuss with the candidate. In general, most students complete the standard RPL process as it is quicker and easier.

#### What is an accelerated program?

In some cases an experienced worker may not be suitable or confident enough to enrol in RPL even though they know most of the required content from the standard course. An accelerated program will enable the student to access all of ITAC's learner resources so they can re-fresh their skills and fill any gaps in their knowledge. They can work through these resources at a pace that

matches their capabilities - finishing some sections in minutes (a quick



refresher) but spending additional time in other areas (gap training). Also, students in an accelerated program can take up to 12 months to work through the course whereas RPL students have 6 months.



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🔍 Based on Australian and international research from the last 50 years

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- Bloom's taxonomy
- Chunking
- Modelling
- Shared/guided learning
- Scaffolding (principles of)
- Fading
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- Explicit instruction
- Formative evaluation
- Building on existing knowledge

- Think-alouds
- Graphic organisers
- Metacognition
- Motivational strategies
- Overlearning'
- The Zone of Proximal
- Development
- Cognitive load theory
- Learning styles
- Reflective practice
- Active listening
- Trauma informer care
- Person-centred care
- Planned interventions
- Situational awareness

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- Minimal necessary force
- Selective ignoring
- Rapport building
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- Tone and volume
- Establishing routines
- Peer prompting
- Re-direction
- Pre-corrections
- Choice method
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At ITAC, we base our teacher aide courses around the best practice strategies, skills and techniques used by high-performing teachers, teacher aides, schools and governements around the world:

- Traditional, tried and tested strategies such as scaffolding, modelling, rapport building, textbook learning, and goal setting.
- Modern approaches such as cooperative learning, play-based learning, online learning, technology learning, blended learning, and cross-curriculum learning.
- Advanced and lesser-known strategies such as cognitive load theory, serial-position effects, the self-fullfiling prophecy, the zone of proximal development, and flipped learning.
- Literacy strategies such as phonics, active reading, pre and post-reading tasks, graphic organisers, using cues and prediction, spelling and grammar supports, modelling, guided and shared learning, and critical literacies, to name just a few.
- Generic skills that all high-performing teachers and teacher aides need to know sush as motivational skills, reflective practice, and games.
- Transferable skills and life-long strategies such as study skills, transferable skills, metacognitive skills, coping skills, mental scripting, and many others.
- Physical and hands-on skills' development strategies such as deliberate practice, over-

learning, spaced learning, and massed practice.

- Strategies to support students with special needs such as assistive technology, intervention and targeting approaches, remedial instruction, social stories, teaching aids and props, and differentiated instructions.
- Student-centred strategies such as learning by failure, self-directed learning, pair and group work, debating, disccusions, and role plays.
- Teacher-centered strategies such as team teaching, explicit instruction, and scaffolding.
- Strategies and approaches to support the operational needs of the classroom such as methods for planning learning sequences, behaviour systems, and using data for continual improvement.
- Proactive behaviour management skills and techniques such as developing systems, identifying the root cause, and collecting and using data.
- Reactive behaviour management skills and techniques such as positioning, the ripple effect. noise control, signal to begin, low-key responses, and many more.











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# HOW TO CHOOSE A TRAINING PROVIDER

Because choosing a provider is somewhat difficult, we've put together a few questions to help you select the best provider for your needs. This advice applies to most nationally recognised courses in Australia whether it be IT, aged care, childcare, business, mining or any other course. These questions are something of a checklist for when researching potential providers.

In no particular order of importance, here are the questions you should ask:

1.	What is the total and true cost of the course?
2.	Does the provider run classes?
3.	Does the provider offer regular webinars?
4.	How many trainers does the provider employ specifically for this course?
5.	Is the provider a specialist in their field?
6.	Does the provider use an integrated course structure?
7.	If enrolling in a dual or combo course, is it a true 'combo'?
8.	Does the provider use a research-based curriculum?
9.	Does the provider visit each student on placement?
10	. Is the provider well-know and reputable?
11	. Who is your trainer going to be?
12	. Does the provider develop their own resources?
13	. How long has the provider been around for?
14	. Is the CEO an industry expert?
15	. Has the provider been sanctioned by the VET regulator?

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