ONLINE MODE

CHC30221 Certificate III in School Based Education Support
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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 face-to-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.