

Become a kinder teacher and help kids dream big

If you're looking for a rewarding career helping children get the best start in life, there are lots of jobs in kinders across Victoria.

The Victorian Government is introducing universal funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten

This means Victorian kids will have access to two years of kinder before school, no matter where they live. This reform will create more than 4,000 new degree-qualified kinder teacher and 2,000 new VET-qualified educator jobs across the state - and it's a profession that will always be needed.

Why me?

Are you:

- enthusiastic
- caring
- high-achieving
- passionate about learning and development?



Do you want a career that:

- helps others
- means you don't have to work at a desk
- is creative?

Then kinder teaching could be the right career for you

What does a typical day look like?

As a kinder teacher or educator, you will help children unlock their imagination through play.

Children in their first five years learn at a faster rate than at any other time during their lives and they learn most from their interactions with the people caring for them.

Kinder teachers identify when a child needs more support or encouragement in a specific area, either because they are struggling or because they need new challenges.

One in five children are developmentally vulnerable when they start school. As a kinder teacher or educator, you will play a key role in helping children's learning and development, so they are better prepared for school and their future.

You will have a lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of young children.

What should I study at school?

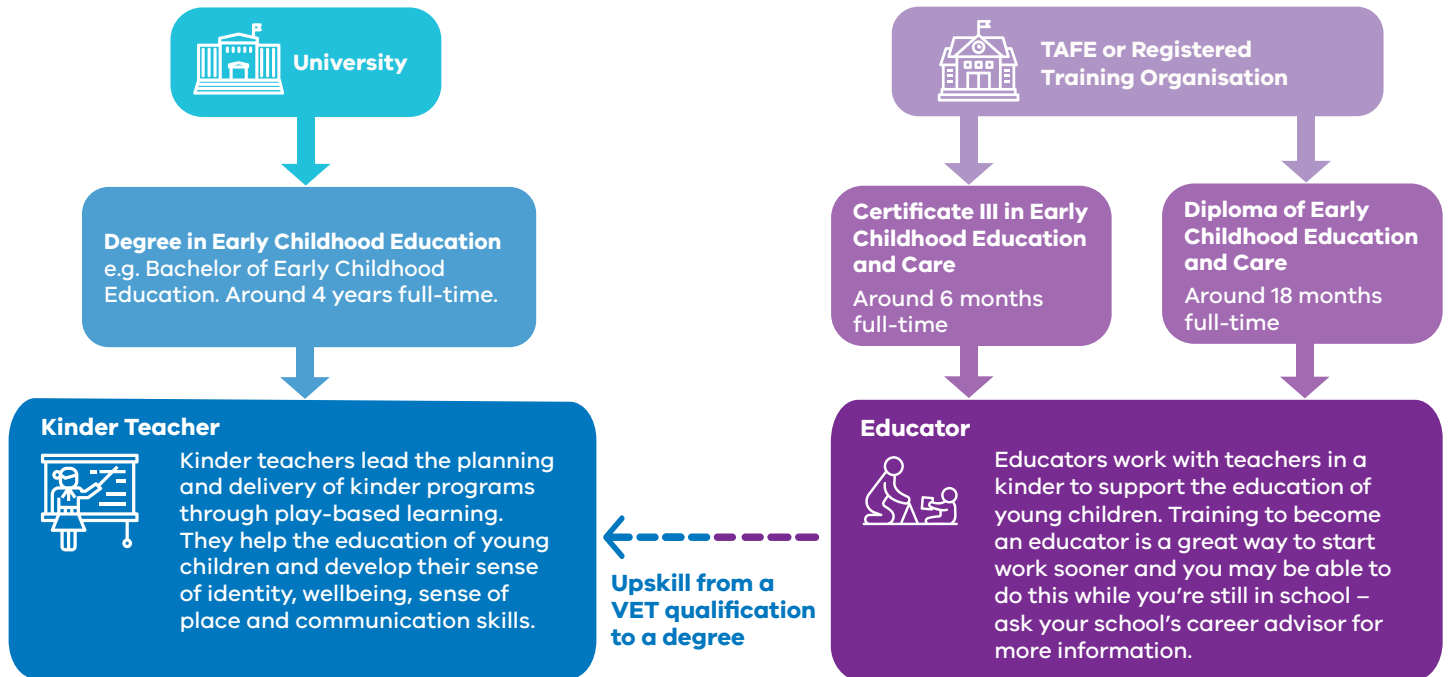
There are no prerequisite subjects to enrol in an early childhood teaching degree.

Lots of subjects are useful in preparing you for a career in early childhood education, including English, mathematics, art, health and human relations, and psychology.

Your school's career advisor can provide you with more information.

How do I become a kinder teacher or educator?

There are two types of people who work with children to deliver a kindergarten program – kinder teachers and educators.



Financial support to become a kinder teacher

Hundreds of financial support packages are available now and you can apply at any time.

You could be eligible for up to **\$25,000** to help you with an approved undergraduate qualification. This can be used for course fees, living costs while you study, or other costs associated with your education, such as a new laptop to help your study.

The Early Childhood Aboriginal Pathway Scholarship is also available for Aboriginal people wanting to become kinder teachers. You could be eligible to receive up to **\$34,000** to help you with an approved undergraduate qualification.

Support to become an educator

The Certificate III and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is now available tuition fee-free through Free TAFE.

Visit: www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe

There is also support available for Aboriginal people wanting to become educators through the Early Childhood Aboriginal Pathway.

You could be eligible for up to:

- **\$2,500** towards an approved early childhood Certificate III qualification
- **\$5,000** towards an approved early childhood Diploma qualification

These scholarships aren't available if you're studying through Free TAFE.

More information

Visit www.vic.gov.au/kinder for more information and to apply for financial support.

Hear from teachers about their experiences working in the early childhood sector by visiting the website:

www.vic.gov.au/make-difference-early-childhood-teaching