**Careers @
Prom Coast Centres for Children**

**Early Childhood Educator**

Early childhood educators work with children to support their play-based learning and early years growth and development.

**Roles and responsibilities include:**

* plan and put in place programs based on individual children's needs
* prepare and supervise play and learning activities
* maintain a safe, clean and appealing environment
* observe and record children’s learning and development
* liaise with parents and other professionals
* support the participation of children with extra needs in the program
* help children with daily routines and promote health & safety
* guide and promote positive social interactions between children.

**Qualifications**

There are a range of qualifications and training opportunities that will open the door to a career as an early childhood educator. These include VET qualifications in education and care such as:

* Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
* Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

**Early Childhood Teacher**

Early childhood teachers support the learning, development, health and wellbeing of young children, including babies and toddlers.

**Roles and responsibilities include:**

* plan activities to develop learning and development
* observe, assess and record children’s learning and development
* encourage children to question, explore and be aware of their world
* work as part of a team of professionals including nurses, educators and intervention specialists.

**Qualifications**

To become an early childhood educator, it takes 4 years of tertiary study.

The most common qualifications are:

* a 4-year undergraduate childhood qualification (e.g. Bachelor of Early Childhood Education)
* a ‘pathways’ course that allows those with an approved Certificate III or Diploma in children’s services to complete a degree in early childhood education.