



### Why Study Education?

A career in education can sharpen your own skills as well as provide a work/life balance where you can enjoy school holidays with your own children. The industry attracts those with a passion for working with children and a desire to shape their learning.

The education industry is evolving and opportunities to work in this field are more diverse and stimulating than ever before. Employers are constantly seeking qualified staff and new employees are selected through a merit selection process.

Education graduates can work in primary or secondary schools choosing to facilitate learning experiences for children in kindergarten through to high school teenagers seeking stimulating and challenging learning in their school environment.

Mainstream education now includes and welcomes children with individual needs – hence the increased demand for qualified teacher assistants. Parents of children with individual needs also find this field of study useful as training for their own situation.

### Why Study Education at West Coast TAFE?

- On the job training is a major focus. Students have between 20-35 days placement during a six month course.
- Teacher Assistant courses at West Coast TAFE have a reputation for excellence with both our students and our placement schools. Schools contact us regularly seeking qualified and job placement students.
- All learning is current and relevant – giving students a head start when they walk into their classroom to put their skills into practice.
- Workshops are hands-on and practically based relating specifically to working with children from Kindergarten to Year 10 (K-10).
- West Coast TAFE enjoys strong partnerships with many local schools.
- Our Education graduates are in great demand with many students gaining employment through their supervised job placements.
- Job placement for the Certificate III course is undertaken at a mainstream school while the Diploma of Teacher Assistant placement is undertaken at education support units, centres or special schools (if studying this diploma at university a work experience placement is not included).
- All lecturing staff are trained teachers with diverse experience within the school environment.
- Lecturers offer support throughout the course to assist students to meet their competencies.
- Studying education at West Coast TAFE can be a pathway to higher study at university.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate III in Teacher Assistant	This certificate provides a foundation and job ready skills to work in a mainstream classroom as: Teachers Assistant (Kindergarten through to Year 10); Home Economics Assistant; Science Assistant. Graduates also qualify for entry to the Diploma of Teachers Assistant.
Diploma of Teacher Assistant	Graduates with a Diploma of Teachers Assistant have classroom job placement experience and can find employment in mainstream schools, education support units, centres and special schools. Graduates can work with children who have individual needs; in a school library; or assist in the preparation of sport and recreation sessions applying their knowledge of educational psychology and behaviour management.

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