



## School of Health & Community Services - Vanuatu

The **Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC)** is an Australian Government initiative that will deliver Australian qualifications with the aim of skilling and qualifying Pacific Islanders for a range of occupations needed throughout the Pacific region.

The **APTC School of Health and Community Services (SHCS)** is a Centre of Training Excellence for a growing range of occupations in Health and Community Services. APTC SHCS has campuses in Fiji and Vanuatu offering vocational courses in Children's Services and Community Welfare. Courses offered do not duplicate or compete with programs already available but provide complementary knowledge and skills by adding a new dimension and value to existing qualifications.

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### Course offered in 2008 in Vanuatu

#### Certificate III in Children's Services

Part time commencing 18 August 2008

#### Course Duration

The Certificate III in Children's Services is delivered part-time over 12 months. Applicants may also apply for RPL / RCC.

#### Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)/ Recognition of Current Competence (RCC)

The APTC provides opportunity for your current skills, knowledge and attitudes to be recognised towards your qualifications. This may be a combination of formal and informal training and education, work experiences (paid and unpaid) or even everyday life experiences. This process is called RPL or RCC.

In recognition of a Student's previous education, training and employment, RPL/RCC will be conducted prior to course commencement. This may reduce the number of units needed to be completed to obtain the qualification.

For further information on the RPL/RCC process visit [www.aptc.edu.au](http://www.aptc.edu.au)

### Course Description

#### Certificate III in Children's Services

This course is specifically targeted at individuals who are currently working with young children in a pre-school or childcare setting.

The Certificate III in Children's Services will give you the knowledge and skills required to deliver quality care and educational programs for young children.

The course will incorporate the theory and methodology of fostering and supporting the emotional well-being of infants, toddlers and pre-school children, and observing and planning play experiences using different pedagogical approaches.

Underpinning knowledge in competencies delivered will include enhancing the child's physical, social, cognitive and psychological development. Basic physical care and nurturing needs of children will be taught together with techniques in behaviour and classroom management.

You will learn how to respond to illnesses and accidents in an appropriate manner and the importance of providing a safe and healthy work environment for both children and staff.

You will also gain an understanding of the administrative, legal and ethical requirements of operating a children's service.

## Fees & Charges

The tuition fees are based on hours of tuition and vary depending on current skills and knowledge. The maximum course fee is Vt48,000 based on a maximum 600 nominal hours needed to complete the course.

## Scholarships

APTC scholarships will be open to citizens of all Pacific Forum member countries (excluding Australia and New Zealand). They are designed to promote access to the College for those without alternative financial support available. Scholarship application forms can be downloaded from [www.aptc.edu.au](http://www.aptc.edu.au) and may be submitted along with course application forms.

## Application & Selection Process

**Applications:** Course application forms can be downloaded from [www.aptc.edu.au](http://www.aptc.edu.au).

Completed application forms for August 2008 courses are to be mailed to APTC SHCS by 11 July 2008.

**Selection:** Short listed applicants will be asked to attend an interview prior to course commencement to finalise their application and complete a Literacy and Numeracy assessment. Selection will be based on work experience, previous education and interview with APTC SHCS staff.

## Why choose the APTC?

Benefits of APTC programs include:

- Training is delivered by highly qualified Australian registered trainers who are managed by Australian TAFE Institutes
- Targeted training which identifies individual strengths, skills, knowledge, attitude and training needs
- Improved performance which will raise the quality of service delivery for clients and the community
- Fast tracking towards an Australian qualification through the recognition of current skills and knowledge
- Training in key topics such as children's holistic development, safety and hygiene and current global approaches to early childhood educational programs
- Increasing competitiveness of the Pacific Forum countries in the delivery of quality care for children
- Individuals gain current and relevant knowledge and skills leading to enhanced effectiveness and efficiency within the workplace
- Individuals will advance their employment opportunities and careers in the Health and Community Services Sector at the local, regional and international levels.

## Course Content

### Compulsory Core Units

CHCFC1C	Support the development of children in the service
CHCPR3C	Develop an understanding of children's interests and developmental needs
CHCCN2C	Care for children
CHCIC1C	Interact effectively with children
CHCCN1D	Ensure children's health and safety
CHCCN4D	Respond to illness, accidents and emergencies
CHCCS301A	Work within a legal and ethical framework
CHCCHILD1C	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk of harm
CHCOHS301A	Participate in workplace safety procedures
HLTFA2A	Apply advanced First Aid Core
CHCPR1C	Deliver services/activities to stimulate children's development and enhance their leisure

### Childcare/Pre-school Stream Competencies

CHCCS405A	Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co workers
CCN8B	Plan care routines
CHCCN3C	Prepare nutritionally balanced foods in a safe and hygienic manner
CHCORG3B	Participate in the work environment

## Further information

For further information or to submit an application:

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