

JOB ROLE

EARLY CHILDHOOD (PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL) TEACHER

LEVEL OF GROWTH FOR JOB ROLE



- Projected change of +5.72%
- From 79,788 in 2025 to 84,354 in 2030

AVERAGE SALARY FOR OCCUPATION



Entry level
(1-3 years' experience)



Senior
(8+ years' experience)

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?



SPECIALISED SKILLS

- Anaphylaxis Treatment
- First Aid
- Child Protection
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Communication
- Leadership
- Enthusiasm
- Relationship Building

DIGITAL SKILLS

- Microsoft 365 Applications
- Learning Management Systems

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS



TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIES WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Preschool Education
- Child Care Services
- Social Assistance Services

TOP SOUTH AUSTRALIAN EMPLOYERS WHO ADVERTISED FOR THIS JOB ROLE IN THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS:

- Catholic Education South Australia
- Edge Early Learning
- Goodstart Early Learning
- G8 Education Ltd
- Green Leaves Early Learning Centres

LOOK FOR JOBS BEING ADVERTISED USING THESE JOB TITLES:

- Early Childhood Teacher
- Early Childhood Educator
- Preschool Teacher
- Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher



YOU MIGHT CONSIDER UNDERTAKING STUDY TO TRANSITION INTO THESE RELATED JOB ROLES:

- Primary or Secondary School Teacher
- Education Manager



QUALIFICATION PATHWAYS

Looking to progress your career? TAFE SA can help you further your study with these courses (*fees may apply)

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30125)
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50125)

Or undertake a range of short courses to supplement your existing knowledge or continue upskilling.

Further information available on the TAFE SA website.



JOB HOLDER COMMENTS

"I wanted to be the kind of Educator that I remember having when I was little. My study at TAFE SA helped me to gain a position in an early learning service. Through my studies I was constantly researching and keeping up to date with new ideas, practices and standards, which has opened up a range of new opportunities."

Hannah Djuric
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care



NETWORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Networking with industry provides you with opportunities to gain employment, advance your career and stay current with industry changes.

Conferences and workshops are an excellent way to introduce yourself to key industry contacts.

Follow these organisations on social media:

- Early Childhood Australia
- Early Learning & Care Council of Australia
- Australian Childcare Alliance
- Educators SA

Consider these opportunities to find employment:

- Send your resume to relevant businesses in your local area
- Look for employment opportunities advertised on
 - the TAFE SA Jobs Board
 - online employment websites like Seek
 - the job board on your local Regional Development Australia (RDA) website



CAREER SUPPORT

Not sure where to start? TAFE SA's Student Services can provide you with a range of career planning support including:

- career planning
- write a winning resume
- how to respond to selection criteria
- cover letters that stand out
- preparing for job interviews

To find out more, or to book an appointment, visit TAFE SA's Career Support Page: Career Support (tafesa.edu.au)

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