



Childcare

Planning and Delivering an Activity

Lesson objective

Students develop an understanding of the role childcare plays in a young child's development through the planning and delivery of an educational activity.

Lesson overview (60 mins)

Students learn about educational activities that could be delivered in a childcare setting for children aged two to four years. You lead discussions on the purpose of childcare and quality childcare centres and programs, with a focus on the educational development of children.

Classroom organisation

Students work in groups of two or three.

Resources

Print

- ☐ Childcare Activity Background Information (to be distributed or shown on interactive whiteboard for whole class discussion)
- ☐ Educational Activity Overview
- ☐ Activity Planning Template

Preparation

If possible, organise a visit to the local childcare centre as a component of this activity. Use the Educational Activity Overview to guide the visit.

Alternatively, you may organise a Childcare Worker to speak to your students. Provide the Childcare Worker with a copy of the Educational Activity Overview and the topics being discussed and ask if they have any examples they use in their work they could share.

The visit and speaker should discuss activities for children in childcare aged two to four years of age.

Activity description

Students participate in whole class discussions to learn about childcare and how educational programs are a requirement for quality childcare. Students then research one of eight educational focused topics to find an activity suitable for delivery to children aged two to four.



Activity

Introduction (20 minutes)

1. Introduce the topic and discuss the activity with your class
2. Hand out copies, or show on the interactive whiteboard, the Childcare Activity Background Information document and read through and discuss with students. This is an introduction into government requirements of childcare centres and leads into the idea of educational activities in the childcare centre
3. Hand out copies of the Educational Activity Overview and read through the topics with students. You may choose to display this on the interactive whiteboard and to talk through each topic with the whole class. You may wish to brainstorm an activity for each topic as a whole class

Planning an activity (15 minutes)

1. Students form groups of two or three
2. Each group chooses a topic of interest or you assign a topic to them (up to eight)
3. Students undertake Internet research, speak with a Childcare Worker from their local centre and/or undertake a visit to the local childcare centre to determine activities appropriate to children aged two to four
4. Students complete the Activity Planning Template to organise their activity

Delivering an activity (15 minutes)

1. Organise for students to deliver their activity (10 minutes)
2. Students reflect on their activity and learning (5 minutes)