

To,  
The Visa Officer  
Australian High Commission  
New Delhi, India

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (SOP)

I feel honored and blessed that I have been offered a place to study in Australasian International Academy for Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care commencing from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018. It is my immense pleasure to have this opportunity to express about my past, present and future concerning my academic achievements and aspiration. This statement of purpose depicts my educational background, my future educational plans and its relevancy to support my long term academic goals.

### **Introduction:**

Introducing myself, I am Subina Shrestha, permanent resident of Lubhu, 08 Maahalaxmi, Lalitpur Nepal. I was born on 20 November 1994. I am Nepalese citizen holding Nepalese passport with passport number 10149764.

### **Family background:**

Including me, I have my mother and my three brothers in my family. My mother Mrs. Bishnu Devi Shrestha is head of the family and owns major land of my family. My brother Mr. Suroj Shrestha is exam department coordinator at Grand Academy. Likewise, another brother Mr. Sujendra Shrestha is front end developer at ITONIC Nepal Pvt. Ltd., one of the German software company operating in Nepal. Similarly, next brother Mr. Surendra Shrestha is accountant at Dawn Hydro Mechanical Works Pvt. Ltd. My brothers are my strength as they have supported me in every steps of my life and has been inspirational towards my bright career.

Furthermore, I'm very blessed to have such parents who has always support me through my thick and thins and appreciated my decision and ideas. My parents have always inspired and motivated me to do good and better things in life. They have and will always be my lifetime mentor to guide me whenever I need. I have a



huge respect for my parents and not only me; they also have good social respect in our community.

### **Academic Qualification:**

Regarding my academic background, I have completed my schooling from Bal Kunja Ma Vi, Lubhu in year 2010. After completing schooling, I joined Proficiency Certificate level in Diagnostic Radiology at Iwamura College of Health Sciences. I successfully completed my course securing 71.02% in year 2013.

### **Experiences:**

After my PCL level ( Proficiency Certificate ) examination, I got temporary license from Nepal Health Professional Council and joined as a part timer Radiographer in Sudha Clinic Pvt. Ltd., Koteshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal. After gaining more experiences and with my new found skills as a part timer Radiographer, I prepared for licensure exam and became Registered radiographer from Nepal Health Professional Council in 2014. After becoming as Registered radiographer, I started to work in Sudha Polyclinic Koteshwor for the post of radiographer from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015. Then after I am part time as radiographer at Midat Hospital Pvt. Ltd. Lalitpur from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to till date. Furthermore, I am engaged full time at Nepal Cancer Hospital and Research Center, Harsiddhi Lalitpur as radiology technician. Working with these organizations, I actively involved myself in take and diagnosis X-ray films.

While working as a radiographer I was involved in various professional work as per need and assigned by doctor. I used to provide emergency services to the patients of various age group. I was also involved to diagnose the health-related problems by using Childcare methods/technique. I used to participate with other health team to plan comprehensive patients care. It was a good opportunity for me to implement my theoretical knowledge into practical use and get familiar with various health related problems and their symptoms practically. However, while working I realized that I need to acquire higher level of knowledge and skills in childcare profession to provide high quality professional caring services to the needy clients with especial reference to the early childhood. During my work period, I faced different diagnostic complication of children. During working tenure, I realized that due to lack of proper care and education related to childhood and children many infants are losing their lives. This harsh situation strikes my heart as well as my mind. So, seeing such misery condition of children in Nepal



and lack of childhood education and care here, I decided to have depth knowledge in completely native course i.e. Early childhood education and care. Thus, while still working, with the speculation of going abroad for further education related to child care, I took IELTS exam on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and secured overall band score of 7.0. The attained score in the IELTS exam proves my English efficiency and made me eligible to apply in my preferred course.

### **My aspiration:**

It has been generally accepted fact that the best investment for the country's development is utilization of resources for its human resource development, though it will be time taking. However, for the production of trained manpower in future, early childhood education and care will have incredible role as they will get exposure with various specific fields and will get opportunity to choose the field of their interest because of play based learning environment. Besides, because of exposure through play based learning and organized lesson plan, any individual can learn anything they want. Thus because of the role of early childhood education and care in the development, many developed countries have given high priority in this particular field. As I want to contribute for the development of nation, I thought providing services in early childhood education and care can be the best option through which I will be doing professional job, helping parents to give right track to their children and ultimately contributing indirectly for the development of nation. This is how I am aspired to this particular profession.

### **Reasons for choosing Australia:**

My desire to pursue an international qualification in the field of Childcare led me into a research for appropriate destination. After my firm decision to study in abroad, I started researching for various countries for my further education on website like [www.timeshighereducation.com](http://www.timeshighereducation.com), [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) and [www.studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au). After consultation with my seniors and experts regarding the countries that provide quality education, I personally choose Australia as it offers high quality education, friendly people and cultural diversity. Australia offers an educational program that make a real difference with other parts of the world. It has a unique kind of education system and a comprehensive learning style that brings out the best in us. Australia is a popular educational destination of international students where more than 400, 000 international students are receiving education. I found that 19 Australian universities were ranked among the top 400 universities in world university ranking. These facts encouraged me to pursue higher education in Australia. Moreover, Australian colleges and universities are providing wide range



of flexible courses and study options therefore international students find it easier to cope up with their system.

Besides, Vocational Education and Training (VET) system of Australia which is controlled by the government for the quality assurance provides various study options for the International students with enough flexibility in the course. Besides the classes of such providers run with slow pace giving opportunity to the international students to adjust with Australian education system with more thrust in practical skill. Thus, majority of students from developing countries of South and South-East Asian region are attracted with VET providers and I am one among them.

As per my finding, I came to know that Australia is the third largest education provider in English speaking world for international students after United States and United Kingdom. I did research with United States and I came to analysis that United States consists a large number of Universities. I found that Universities of United states require different testing examinations like, TOEFL and SAT for scholarship and admission procedure with American University are lengthy. Besides, USA is in the target of terrorist and has tension situation with North Korea which gives security problem due to gun culture. The legal provision of keeping gun for personal security is also giving threatening to the security system of USA. Both USA and UK have the feeling of white supremacy. Majority of USA and all area of UK have harsh climate especially during winter. The tuition fees of the top institutions in USA and UK are comparatively too high and the cost of living in UK is too expensive. These are some factors due to which I did not prefer to study in these countries.

Besides, Australia is rule govern and highly secured. There is harmony within heterogeneity in Australia which is also the reason for me to choose this country as my study destination.

On the other hand, the social composition is quite diverse as it is in my home country. Since the Australian society is made up of people from diversified socio-cultural background, it will be an opportunity for me to learn different traditions and norms from my colleagues and classmates. I will have opportunity to learn different dialects and widen horizon of networking as well. Because of strong economy, diverse culture and high-quality education system, this country is attracting many international students.

Australia has become an educational hub for the whole world especially for the students of Eastern part of the globe. Australian government's announcement of ESOS Act 2000 that provides various rights to the international students studying

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in Australia including OSHC and TPS has triggered my willingness to study in this beautiful country. The announcement of Australian Government about the new Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF) for overseas students replacing the existing Streamlined Visa Processing (SVP) commencing from July 2016 has opened the doors to many opportunities for out of state students. The pleasing coastal climate that is quite similar to my country with reverse season cycle added point to choose Australia as my study destination. Besides, Australian graduates are doing well in my country and every nook and corner of the world.

Australian government has given legal provision to work 40 hours per fortnights for international students when classes are in session and unlimited hours during break. This provision gives opportunity to learn speaking English, gain work experience, learn culture and earn pocket money that can be utilized for recreation purposes.

Besides, Australia especially Sydney has World renowned tourist places like Opera House, Sydney Harbor Bridge, Luna Park, Sydney Tower, Bondi Beach, Sydney zoo etc. where I can visit during break and get refreshed.

### **Why Sydney?**

As, the largest and oldest city in Australia, Sydney has great climatic condition which gives many opportunities to go out and explore the city. On top of that, many students enjoy the moderate climate in Sydney which promotes healthy outdoor living throughout the year, while they involve themselves in this beautiful clean, safe and friendly environment. An advantage of living in one of the world's most multicultural country which provides food and other activities at your doorstep. In choosing Sydney as my destination, I also had an opportunity to choose my desired college from a list of many colleges as Sydney gave more options. It welcomes international students as part of Sydney's global talent hub. Sydney is Australia's global knowledge center and business hub, alive with opportunity and possibilities offering world class education and pioneering research institutions and a wonderful array of cultural activities and professional experiences. Sydney hosts a huge number of multicultural events each year which will help us to learn and experience different cultures. It is an ideal city for students to experience the best of Australia's city living in close proximity to outdoor adventure in addition to getting a high-quality education. Therefore, for this reason it can be easy for international student like me to adjust over there where I can be warmly welcomed than in other cities.

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### **Reasons for not choosing other countries:**

To enroll in the college and university of USA, the students have to attend competitive exam like SAT/ACT for enrollment. It takes a long time to prepare for exam. I don't want to waste my time in such a tedious process. And during my research I could not figure out the best university or college for me as there was wide variation in tuition fees and admission process in the universities over there. Moreover, I found many crimes and social disturbances in the United States. Talking about UK, the cost of living and tuition fees is much expensive and also the weather which I think cannot be adjustable in comparison with Australia. And to study in other European countries, we need to learn their particular languages which may create difficulty and will take longer time to get the degree. There is no strong security for the international students in India and the curriculum is very similar to that of Nepal. As much as education is my first priority; I was also delighted to know that the living standards of Australia are fairly reasonable. Expenses of transportation, food, rents, are affordable priced. I also came to know that it offers various student discounts on certain expenses like travel cards which would be very helpful and comfortable for an international student. Besides having world's best cities, as per as my research education cost of Australia is considerably affordable than any other countries. Therefore, for me, no any other countries could be better than Australia.

### **Reasons for Not Choosing Nepal:**

Nepal is in its developing phase; modern digital education system is not well developed here. Traditional theory-based classes, limited choices in courses offered, lack of adequate infrastructures and experts compelled me to choose Australia. The course in early childhood is lagging in Nepal. Nepal's education providers don't offer this course either. On the other hand, practical aspect of this profession is not seriously taken in the colleges which is making great gap between theory and practical aspect. As childcare is technical subject which has both theoretical and practical aspects but there are no much more modern technology facilities as in foreign countries. There are regular disturbances and hindrance in college so that colleges won't run effectively and uniformly in Nepal. Due to this, students are unable to obtain their degree in mentioned period. Moreover, the degree of Nepal isn't globally competitive. Although there are many colleges and universities, due to the lack of advanced technologies and skilled manpower for modern practical learning; they are not able to produce skilled manpower as per the demand of the market. So, I preferred Australia rather than Nepal to make a better career for me. Also, I would like to be familiar with different environment,



education system where I will have an opportunity to interact with different people from different nationality while studying abroad. Apart from that, absence of globally recognized universities, traditional methods of teaching, time consuming education and insufficiency of internationally recognized professors are some weak aspects in Nepalese education system. That's why I switch on to get further study in Australia.

### **Reason for choosing Early Childhood Education and Care:**

Time factor and change in technology have affected the social structure and need based demand. In early years, we were having completely joint family system in which children of various age group were taken care by the old member of family who stay in home and young energetic member of the family used to go out for various types income generating activities which may be farming or livestock raring or collecting foddors for livestock or firewood for fuel in rural area and various types of official job/clerical in the urban areas. Now the scenario has been changed, as output from farming activities is declining and technology driven demand is increasing so significant number of adults especially from rural areas have gone abroad for high paying job and his/her spouse used to come in the urban area to give quality education to their children and live relatively comfortable life in the urban area. In this context he/she need to do job and keep the child in day care center or preschool or send to the suitable school. Because of this situation, the day care center or preschool has become the demand of time especially in the urban area though it was not the usual practice to send the child in day care center or preschool in the earlier days in Nepal.

Besides, city dwellers are ever busy either in their business or in the job and cannot give time for their children so obviously they need to take the help either from day care center or from preschool to take care of their children. Thus, the demand of preschool or day care center is ever increasing in my country. These all day care center or preschool always looks for the well trained person who has acquired quality skills and knowledge in the field of early childhood education and care from developed country. Thus, if I will study early childhood education and care from Australia there will be no problem of employment and I will be able to provide quality service in my profession which will have direct effect in the future life of new generation.

Early childhood care and education (ECCE) refers to the development of care and education of children between zero and eight years. So, parents can be seen as a child's first teacher and therefore is considered as an integral part of the early learning process. Early childhood is described as an important period of child's



development and it also refers to the all-round development of child's personality. Besides, early childhood is the time of remarkable growth with brain development at its peak. ECCE aims at the holistic development of child's social, emotional, cognitive and physical needs in order to build a solid and broad foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. Thus, ECCE will have an incredible role to build responsible future citizens. Besides, to ensure the healthy growth of fetus, nutrition during pregnancy has high level of significance which will give the birth of healthy baby.

In case of Nepal we do not have public funded Early Childhood Education Centers. Those privately funded day care centers and/or preschools who are providing early childhood education are expensive enough and are beyond the affordability of socially disadvantaged and people with low socio-economic status. Thus, it seems that social equity is indispensable in the context of providing equal opportunity to all children to get exposure in early childhood. It is also because ECCE is one of the best investment a country can make to promote human resource development, gender equality and social cohesion.

In this context I feel worth to mention over here that orthodox Hindus believes that we start learning even from fetus stage. Thus, they used to provide good environment from all aspects to the ladies during pregnancy. So, they provide environment and encourage the pregnant mother take part in socio-religious rituals as per their tradition and believe. Thus, orthodox and traditional Hindus give high significance to teach socio-cultural understanding and religious tradition to the children during the stage of early childhood. This tradition also reflects the importance of early childhood education among the believers of Hinduism since prehistoric age.

All above statements reflect the importance of ECCE and is the major reasons for me to choose early childhood education and care as my preferred field of study.

### **Reason for Choosing Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care:**

Taking care of children during some of the most important period of their lives can lead to a fulfilling and gratifying career. Parents rely on qualified professionals to provide care and guidance to their children that is why the childcare industry is so valued. The need for childcare professionals is greater today than it has been in the past. It's much more than simply playing with or supervising kids all day, spending that much time with children through their day-to-day learning makes me a critical component in their development and education. The skills they develop through early learning will carry them through primary school, secondary school, and for the rest of their life. Working alongside children at an early learning or childcare

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center means you become an instrumental part of their welfare, their health, and their education. Working in childcare is incredibly rewarding, and at the same time, it can be challenging as well.

Any good childcare center will implement routine and structure, but with children, of course, there's no telling how the day might turn out. You get to see children develop and learn right in front of your eyes; that feeling can only be described as jubilant. Parents rely on childcare services to provide their children with the utmost care. A lot of trust is therefore instilled in childcare workers, which makes me realize how important I will be after the completion of my intended course. What an honor it is to play such a critical role in the few years of a child's life. Obtaining the right qualification through intended childcare courses allows me to enter the industry armed with the most current knowledge that's been supported by hands on work experience. Pursuing an Early Childhood Education and Care education offers a host of benefits for students and the children they work with, opening up endless career opportunities, providing a better understanding of how a child's learning develops, and much more. Besides, early childhood education and care program can prepare me for a variety of roles, including a home child care provider, educational assistant, preschool teacher, before or after school care provider, camp director, parent educator and more. The possibilities are endless! When it comes to nearly any career that involves working with children, having an early childhood education qualification under my belt will give me an advantage. Having completed an early childhood education and care program will lend credibility to me as a caregiver and any team of care providers I work with.

Childhood Education and Care is ever demanding profession. I don't need to worry about the job after I come out of the college. I can adopt anywhere either in a large metropolitan area or a small rural area. Some people have narrow view point about this profession but I have seen wide horizon of it. I have developed strong determination to dedicate myself in the discipline of health and medicine. I would like to pursue my higher studies in the field of Childhood Education and Care which would help me to gain expertise and professionalism. Even my parents have been encouraging me to become a child care professional.

I am hopeful that my international qualification and expertise would help me to transfer the factual skill and knowledge from developed country to the remote area of Nepal. I am aspired to enhance the quality of Childhood Education and Care in my own country and also help socially disadvantaged and people with low socio-economic status.

There is no problem of finding the job in Nepal because there are many numbers of private and public hospitals and childcare homes looking to hire qualified

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Childhood Education and Care and those qualified from Australia are highly preferred. Moreover, Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care by Australian International Academy is my preferred choice among many. My entry to Childhood Education and Care gives me enough opportunities to improve my academics and adjust in the new culture and environment.

**Course Structure of Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care:**

Total Number of Unit: 18

Number of Core Unit: 15

Number of Elective Unit: 3

**UNITS OF COMPETENCY**

<b>Term 1</b>		
CHCECE003	Provide care for children	Core
CHCECE007	Develop positive and respectful relationships with children	Core
CHCECE002	Ensure the health and safety of children	Core
CHCECE005	Provide care for babies and toddlers	Core
<b>Term 2</b>		
CHCECE010	Support the holistic development of children in early childhood	Core
HLTAID004	Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting	Core



CHCPRT001	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk	Core
CHCECE004	Promote and provide healthy food and drinks	Core
<b>Term 3</b>		
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically	Core
HLTWHS001	Participate in work health and safety	Core
CHCECE009	Use an approved learning framework to guide practice	Core
CHCECE013	Use information about children to inform practice	Core
CHCECE011	Provide experiences to support children's play and learning	Core
<b>Term 4</b>		
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety	Core
CHCECE001	Develop cultural competence	Core
CHCECE006	Support behavior of children and young people	Elective
CHCECE014	Comply with family day care administration requirements	Elective



**Reason for Choosing Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care:**

The diploma of early childhood education and care gives me the knowledge and skills required to provide excellent care and education as an Early Childhood Educator for individual or groups of children, and the ability to plan activities for leisure and play so that they are able to achieve their developmental outcomes. During my diploma studies, I will learn how to plan and develop a curriculum and learn the necessary skills for management and supervision of other staff in child care facilities such as long day care centers, occasional care centers, and learning centers.

A qualification in child care can lead to a variety of career paths in the child care industry, typically these falls under

- Social Assistance & Healthcare
- Education & Training

As a child care professional, I could be working with more mature children up to 8 years old, pre-primary school children, or even babies as young as six weeks old. I could choose to work in long day care, occasional care, after or before school care, family day care, in-home care or hospitals.

Childhood Education and Care is considered to be one of the most challenging professions among some of the toughest job in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. In the recent years, this course has been more prioritized and recognized in Australia and its significance is increasing across the world. It was my dream to study early childhood education and care since childhood. I have always been passionate about this field as it is the field where I can serve children, community as well as my country with a sense of purpose. When we talk about childhood education and care, there should be strong hearted people in this profession like me who can face and deal with every difficult situation that may arise anytime and anywhere. My aim is to help the children who need it and also work in the rural area of my country. Besides, I also want to lunch awareness program related to the importance sanitation and nutrition on the health of children which is one of the major problem of my country. I have always been a learner who is always decorating little steps for the fulfillment of my goal of life. Childhood education and care has always been a part of my interest. The diversity as well as challenges that are required in



this area of study has always been a part of my passion. If this passion will get right guidance as well as trainings I would surely make a mark in future as an established child take career with a good behavior.

**Course Structure of Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (093434D):**

Total Number of Unit: 18

Number of Core Unit: 15

Number of Elective Unit: 3

**UNITS OF COMPETENCY**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Core/ Elective</b>
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety	Core
CHCECE001	Develop cultural competence	Core
CHCECE002	Ensure the health and safety of children	Core
CHCECE003	Provide care for children	Core
CHCECE004	Promote and provide healthy food and drinks	Core
CHCECE005	Provide care for babies and toddlers	Core
CHCECE007	Develop positive and respectful relationships with children	Core
CHCECE009	Use an approved learning framework to guide practice	Core
CHCECE016	Establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for children	Core
CHCECE017	Foster the holistic development and wellbeing of the child in early childhood	Core



CHCECE018	Nurture creativity in children	Core
CHCECE019	Facilitate compliance in an education and care service	Core
CHCECE020	Establish and implement plans for developing cooperative behavior	Core
CHCECE021	Implement strategies for the inclusion of all children	Core
CHCECE022	Promote children's agency	Core
CHCECE023	Analyse information to inform learning	Core
CHCECE024	Design and implement the curriculum to foster children's learning and development	Core
CHCECE026	Work in partnership with families to provide appropriate education and care children	Core
CHCECE025	Embed sustainable practices in service operations	Core
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically	Core
CHCPRT001	Identify and respond to children and young people at risk	Core
HLTAID004	Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting	Core
HLTWHS003	Maintain work health and safety	Core
CHCECE012	Support children to connect to their world	Elective
BSBSUS401	Develop workplace policy and procedure for sustainability	Elective



CHCPOL002	Develop and implement policy	Elective
CHCECE010	Support the holistic development of the children in early childhood	Elective
CHCECE014	Comply with family day care administration	Elective

**Reason for Choosing Australian International Academy:**

For all my dreams and ambition to follow up, a college with well-established and offering variety of courses covering the subjects of my interest is one of the important requirements. In this context I started to researching different colleges and universities. Choosing the right institutes among pool of renowned institutes is quite a tough task. So, it was very difficult to choose the right provider. Thus, I researched more in websites, with educational consultancies, and visiting seminars and finally I was able to shortlist some of them. Some of my choices were: Torren University Australia Limited (TUAL), Education Training and Employment Australia (ETEA), Australasian International Academy (AIA), MEGT Australia and Australian Institute of Business and Technology (AIBT).

Among all of the education providers studied, I finally choose as AIA as it offers high quality of healthcare courses which open a multitude of education pathways and are complemented by continuing professional education and up-skilling programs, which will definitely help me to become successful in my career. AIA goes to endless length to ensure students are happy and are able to pursue their higher study. It provides friendly environment to the students which helps to concentrate in study leading to high academic performance. Besides, AIA is a leading provider of nationally recognized training courses for international students who want to get ahead in their chosen career pathway. Moreover, it is also a leading provider of training courses for international students who wish to fast track their careers or who just want to get ahead in their chosen career pathway. Courses offered by AIA are nationally recognized and accredited and provide quality teaching materials, relevant student resources and supportive as well as passionate trainers.

I will utilize my potentiality to make the very best of AIA teachings by being one of the outstanding and promising students of the college. Knowledge and skills that I will gain from Australian education system will definitely help in boosting my career, build confidence and work confidently in my desired professional field.



**Comparative tuition fee (AUD) and time duration (week) of different providers to study certificate III and Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is presented in the table below.**

S.N.	Name of Provider	Course Offered	Tuition Fee in AUD	Duration (Weeks)	Source	Remark
1.	Torrens University Australia Limited (TUAL)	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	18100	52	<a href="http://www.tua.edu.au">www.tua.edu.au</a>	Expensive tuition fees with unavailability of Certificate course
2.	Education Training and Employment Australia (ETEA)	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	24400	114	<a href="http://www.etea.edu.au">www.etea.edu.au</a>	Expensive tuition fees with higher duration
3.	Australasian International Academy (AIA)	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	10,000	52	<a href="http://www.aiacademy.edu.au/">www.aiacademy.edu.au/</a>	Affordable fee structure, desirable course structure
		Diploma of Early childhood education and care	15,000	78		
4.	MEGT Australia	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	12000	33	<a href="http://www.megtinstitute.com.au">www.megtinstitute.com.au</a>	Comparatively expensive fees in both courses





		Diploma of Early childhood education and care	20000	92		
5.	Australia Institute of Business and Technology (AIBT), Sydney	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	7099	28	www.aibt.qld.edu.au	Only availability of Certificate III in Sydney

Among the five education providers offering courses on early childhood education and care, Torren University Australia Limited and Education Training and Employment Australia offer only diploma of early childhood education and care but I want to start with certificate III course in early childhood education and care so these two providers are not best suitable for me. Among other three providers AIBT offers only certificate III course but I want to continue for Diploma level course as well in the same institution so even this provider will not fit my requirement. Among the remaining two institutions that is MEGT Australia and AIA, I preferred AIA because of its tuition fee both in certificate III and Diploma of early childhood education and care is significantly less (AUD 2000 and AUD 5000 less respectively in certificate III and Diploma level course). Besides, AIA has desired course structure and supportive learning environment.

So, the perfect choice for me becomes AIA which has very affordable fee structure with quality education. AIA has great learning environment, supporting students in every possible way with the up to date courses offering students real world experience of industry and also providing courses with internship and industry placement opportunity which lags in other institutes. Although, other colleges too have same course but the course duration is very lengthy and fee is also quite expensive. Hence, taking care of all these aspects, AIA out owned institutes. Therefore, I choose AIA as perfect and suitable platform for my bright career.

**Why college? Why not University?**



As my main intention to go Australia is to pursue high quality education and I want to acquire more practical knowledge so that when I will return to my country it will be very useful to me, so I preferred to choose VET system college rather than direct university education. It is because, I believe VET system provides me more practical skills that will enable me to build confidence and work confidently in my professional field. Moreover, Diploma of AIA is the pathway to university Bachelor and which is economic for me to study in college than in University. Thus, if I like to study further and get COE from university, I will have clear path to enhance my academic career any time convenient to me. Furthermore, my academic status of Nepal will be sufficient enough to cope up with slow paced college education but will have difficult time to catch up with fast running university class.

#### **Future Goals and Pathways to Achieve:**

My perseverance determination to study childcare and provide care service to the needy children of my country is unambiguous to me. It is also because childcare profession has been high social respect and is ever demanding throughout the globe. Actually, this is the profession which is ever in touch with the child who need care and support. I really feel inner sense of contentment if I can provide childcare support to the real needy one especially who has no access to child care center support and cannot afford profit motivated private Child Care Industries. Thus, Childcare service is the humanitarian service that needs patience, compassion, altruism, and love.

My future goal is to become a reputed and fully up-dated professional childcare consultant and provide health care services to the needy people. I will try my best to acquire knowledge and skills and complete the intended courses with high level of academic performance by doing hard endeavor throughout the courses. Thus, after completion of Diploma, I have high confidence that I will acquire technical skills and knowledge sufficient enough to take role of childcare assistant and able to integrate technical and theoretical knowledge to address a diverse range of clinical situation and challenges under adverse situation.

However, after the completion of intended courses in AIA, I will have two options: I will either come back to Nepal and start career as childcare assistant/preschool teacher or get COE from university and study Bachelor of Childcare and Education.

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In case if I don't receive COE for higher degree in Australia, I will return back to Nepal and serve as various positions like childcare assistant, preschool teacher, Montessori manager and many more. I will have no problem to find the job with the expected remuneration of NRs 65K per month. VET system education provides me skills and knowledge sufficient enough to work confidently and Australian education empowers to find the job with higher remuneration than usually paid to the same level from Nepal. I will go to the country side and provide child care services to the needy people who has very limited access to the public funded health care system. I will give more focus to provide services to the socially deprived people who neither can afford the expensive child care services nor can have easy access to the public funded childcare services. Moreover, children in the country sides and inaccessible hills have been facing many health-related problems. It is both because they do not have basic concepts of childcare consciousness because of ignorance and lack of knowledge. I will work in close coordination with expert of childcare to provide childcare facilities to such child.

Besides, I will also mobilize local communities for childcare promotive activities which can be effective to alleviate health related problems of child. Likewise, the number of malnutrition affected child is gradually increasing in Nepal and there are very less certified child care service providers in Nepal. I would like to utilize my child care knowledge at serving parents people in various child care homes during my weekends and other free days.

However more likely I will utilize the opportunity to study Bachelor of Childcare from one of the universities of Australia. More likely I will get COE to study Bachelor of childcare and education after the completion of Diploma of Childcare. I will utilize all my hidden potentiality and do hard endeavor to acquire higher level of knowledge and skills from university level education with higher academic performance. I have confidence that highly experienced professors of Australian university will inculcate me higher-level theoretical knowledge and I will acquire latest practical skills from well-equipped lab and internship/practical placement, which will increase my professional competency in childcare field.

Now, after the completion of Bachelor, I will come back to Nepal. I cannot even think of prolonging my stay in Australia by utilizing any lawful means. Besides, I think I will have lots of opportunities and incentives in Nepal after I complete Bachelor from Australian university. I will have respected and recognized social life in my own country. Furthermore, I want to live my future life in the same socio-cultural environment in which I have been nurtured till date and also, I feel my social and moral responsibility to take care and provide support to my parents who has done beyond explainable support to my education and nurtured me till date by providing high security and quality life.

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After coming back to Nepal, I will start my career as a childcare consultant or childcare expert in rural area of Nepal where I will have an opportunity to provide child care support targeting to the actual need of the people. As Australian qualification empowers job opportunity, I will have no problem to get the job with the expected remuneration of around NRs 85K per month. While doing job in district level, I will be working in coordination with professionals and experts of child health and other child care practitioners. Nepalese government has long term plan in childcare and Education sector which also focuses development and implementation of activities at community level for upliftment of child abilities and activities. It is also because there are very few institutions providing child care knowledge in village level community than in urban area.

Moreover, there are many INGOs like WHO, USAID, UNDP, DFID, GTZ and so many others almost 100 supporting to alleviate different child care problems for example British Nepal Medical Trust (BNMT) has focused its activities in child health, food safety, nutrition, safe mother hood and children motivated services. Thus, when I will work in district, I will also be working in close coordination and collaboration with, NGOs and INGOs involved to provide child care support in community level. Moreover, my internationally recognized qualification would make me able to seek job in different international childcare centers like Child Protection Centres and Services, Nepal International Clinic, Nepal Fertility Care Center and make use of my leadership skill and childcare practice in providing the quality care.

Actually, poverty, illiteracy and physical geography are the root cause of infant mortality problem in Nepal. More than 60 % of people in the village level has no access to safe drinking water, which is the basic factor for the problem of infectious diseases like dysentery, parasites and many others. Besides, illiteracy cause early marriage and child birth which is the cause of maternal mortality and under five mortalities leading to the cause of low life expectancy. It is also because women face many gender related health problems which they usually conceal as a result of their illiteracy. Hence, such trend would directly hamper the children from getting proper services. I will utilize my acquired knowledge and skills in Australia and even from Nepal to bring down such problems in coordination with other team members.

When I will work as a childcare consultant I will have wider network and coordination with all those involved to provide child care support in the community level. Thus, I will be providing support services to the needy child in the village level community by motivating and mobilizing people in the community as well. Such mobilization will also be useful in creating awareness about the importance of hygiene, sanitation, food safety, safe motherhood,

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infection prevention and use of other preventive measures to alleviate the health-related problems in the community. This is how I will be utilizing my acquired knowledge and skills to provide Child Care Services to the people in the community level of my country.

This is how I will provide health care service to the needy people and reach to my goal of working as professional Nurse and utilize knowledge acquired in General Medicine and live respected life in the society by contributing to uplift the health of Nepalese citizens through the mainstream of National health service system.

I would be very happy to help for society and utilizing my knowledge in serving my nation with the best knowledge that I will gain in Australia. In addition, I am only child of my parents; it's my duty to take care of them in older age. So, after getting Australian degree I want to live rest of life with my parents.

### **Student Visa Conditions:**

I will return to my home country after the completion of my course of study in Australia. Beside all these things I am fully aware of the visa conditions of Australian High Commission as well college which I am supposed to be abided by; Followings are major rules that I need to fulfill while studying in Australia.

- I am not allowed to work more than 40 hours per fortnight when school is in session.
- Need to maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
- I required to be enrolled in the registered course at all times.
- I need to maintain my academic progress and attendance record of at least 80%.
- I need to have minimum 50% pass grade throughout the program.
- I should inform the DIBP/University within seven days. If migrate or change contact details.
- Comply with the rules and regulations of Australian government and education provider.
- Plagiarisms is completely prohibited

I, Subina Shrestha, hereby declare that all the information provided above is true and verifiable. Lastly, I would sincerely request you to allow me the opportunity to study in Australia and fulfill my career dreams.



### **Financial Planning:**

My parents encourage me for pursuing the international qualification as they are fully confident to help me financially. My brothers have assured to provide full financial support throughout the study period in Australia.

My brother Mr. Suroj Shrestha is exam department coordinator at Grand Academy and generates NRs. 612,000.00 annually. Likewise, another brother Mr. Sujendra Shrestha is front end developer at ITONICS Nepal Pvt. Ltd. and earns yearly NRs. 1,001,208.00 Similarly, next brother Mr. Surendra Shrestha is accountant at Dawn Hydro Mechanical Works Pvt. Ltd and collects annually NRs. 424,800.

In addition to annual source of income, my mother has maintained the Bank balance of NRs. 3,500,400 in Nabil Bank Ltd. Gwarko Kathmandu, which is equivalent to AUD 42,270.26 (exchange rate AUD 1= NRs. 82.81) to cover my expenses during my study period in Australia.

This scenario of annual income and bank balance of my sponsors reflects that I will have no financial problems for the whole study period in Australia.

### **Conclusion:**

I think Australia is the best destination for the international students like me because of its quality education, strong international reputation, affordable fee range, having the cities based on students from different nationality and quality of life and the protective policies of the government. As childcare is a sensitive job and I have experienced only highly skilled professional can provide the service safely with confidence. Thus, my main purpose of trying to go to Australia is to acquire high quality education and get exposure with the latest technology used in this profession. As there are many opportunities to the well qualified person in Nepal, I would like to assure to your good office that I will return to my country after the completion of my intended courses and start professional career with commensurable remuneration.

I have due respect to the law of Australian government and comply with it till I will stay in Australia. I also would like to assure that I will comply with all rules and regulations of Australian government and education provider while I stay in Australia and will in no case give any opportunity to complain against me. I am applying to study Certificate III and Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care after fulfilling all criteria which is well elucidated in this SOP and is sufficient enough to reflect that I am a genuine student and genuine temporary entrant as well. Now, I have confidence that respective case officer will take proper decision after thoroughly analyzing my overall profile and give me

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opportunity to achieve my goal by considering me as a genuine student to study the intended courses in AIA Australia and fulfill my goal.

I declare that particular given information is true and correct in every detail.

Yours Sincerely,

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