

Factsheet on SkillsFuture Study Awards For Early Childhood (EC) Sector

Background

The experiences in the early years of a child's life can establish the foundation of his or her development. The Early Childhood (EC) sector thus offers a meaningful career to nurture and care for young children in their formative years. There are multiple entry pathways and opportunities for the fraternity of EC educators to provide quality pre-school experiences for children.

Under the SkillsFuture movement, EC educators will be supported to deepen their skills and develop professionally at every stage of their career. There will be structured competency-based career progression pathways to develop and recognise educators with the right skills and passion for their work. Educators will have access to more professional development opportunities to hone their pedagogical knowledge and competencies.

Complementing a suite of manpower initiatives for EC educators, the SkillsFuture Study Award will support experienced EC educators to deepen their skills and prepare to take on larger job roles in the sector.

Supported Course (Not exhaustive)

- Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Leadership (ADECL)

Institutions

- Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- Temasek Polytechnic

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be accepted into Advanced Diploma in Early Childhood Leadership or ADECL (full qualification) before application to SkillsFuture Study Award for EC Sector.
- Singaporeans with at least 3 years of work experience in the EC Sector.
- Committed to deepening skills in the sector.
- Has a track record of contributing to learning and training of self and/or others.
- Not a previous recipient of any SkillsFuture Study Award.
- Must not have begun course of study before the end of the application period.

Monetary Award

Each Study Award comes with a monetary award of S\$5,000. It can be used to defray out-of-pocket expenses associated with the course undertaken. It can also be used on top of existing Government course fee subsidies.

ADECL Commencement & SkillsFuture Study Award Application Dates

First ADECL Course Commencement Date	Application Period for SkillsFuture Study Awards for Early Childhood Sector
Apr 2016	15 Feb to 18 Mar 2016