

ICL's Chinese student, Yu Xiuchun (Maggie), will graduate from the National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care Level 5 at the end of May 2008 and she has already found a permanent job on a salary of NZ\$16 per hour!

Name: Yu Xiuchun (Maggie)
Age: 21
Place of birth: Suzhou
Start date at ICL: August 2007
End date at ICL: May 2008



Previous qualifications:

Diploma in English Education at Dong Wu Foreign Language Teaching College, China

Previous experiences in Early Childhood Education:

Six weeks' practicum in two New Zealand childcare centres as part of the ICL programme of study;

Present occupation: Teacher of under-two years old children in Topkidz, Eden Terrace,

Auckland. Topkidz has a total of 100 multicultural children. Xiuchun has a full-time permanent contract of 40 hours per week on NZ\$16 per hour; that's an annual salary of \$33,280.

Xiuchun's comments about ICL: "Studying at ICL has been useful for my career: I could have never found a job in an early childcare centre without the knowledge acquired here at ICL. The teachers and the staff are friendly. My manager told me that she was very impressed by my CV and my covering letter so a special thank you goes to the career advisor at ICL who gave me very good advice about CV and covering letter."

Xiuchun's plans for the future: "My manager told me I don't need to enrol straight away to the university to continue my study: I can do it next one year. In this way I have some time to save money. I haven't decided yet where to enrol."