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Abstract: In a fast past world, students need to be able to apply their theoretical learning to practical environments. With the growing demand for Early Childhood Educator, our Federation Online students will have to be work ready and this can be achieved through simulated environments.

Here, a safety audit is conducted in an online simulated early childhood centre. The safety audit is interactive, requiring students to be active participants, and relates to the Australian National Early Childhood standards for Health & Safety in Early Childhood Environments.

The benefit is a practical, asynchronous, and immediate application of theoretical knowledge and a loop of professional practice where students bring their professional knowledge to the simulated environment and learn auditing frameworks or requirements that they can take back to their Early Childhood environments as a professional practice.