



Early Childhood Development BTEC AAQ

A course for the curious, hardworking and vocationally minded. Great to take alongside A Levels.

Course Content (4 UNITS)

UNIT 1 (child development)

Students explore children's developmental progress from birth up to eight years. They will examine theories, principles and factors relating to development.

The unit will be assessed through one examination of 80 marks lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes.

UNIT 2 (Keeping Children Safe)

Students explore the responsibilities of a professional to maintain health and safety as well as ensuring effective safeguarding measures are in place. They will understand what to do in an emergency and when to address concerns about a child's welfare.

The unit will be assessed through one examination of 80 marks lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes.

UNIT 3 (Play and Learning)

Students explore the concept of play, the influence of theories and curriculum approaches to play, and the benefits of play and learning activities for children.

The unit is assessed through coursework.

UNIT 4 (Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting)

Students understand how research findings influence policy and provision for children and are able to reflect on how this influences their own behaviour and expectations in the work placement environment. The unit is assessed through coursework.

Entry Requirements

GCSE Science Grades 5/5

English Grade 5

Maths Grade 5

How will I learn?

The exam based lessons will be a combination of practical work and theory lessons. You will be provided with workbooks to organize your note taking. You will also have access to all past papers and PowerPoints to allow independent study.

The coursework units will be written up on computer. You will be closely monitored to ensure that you keep up to date. There is weekly intervention if you are falling behind or need extra support.

Which awarding body is the course validated by?

What qualification will I receive?

BTEC AAQ (1 A level Equivalent)

Which subjects will complement this qualification?

The following subjects would be suitable to combine with this qualification: • Sociology • Psychology • Biology • English.

What further learning will this qualification lead to?

• Nursing – BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing, Nursing – Child – BSc (Hons) • Teacher Training – Childhood and Early Years Studies BA (Hons) • Social Work – BA (Hons) Social Work • Psychology – Psychology BSc (Hons).