

Level 2 BTEC (Short Course) Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development

What's it all about?

This qualification provides areas of underpinning knowledge for the National Occupational Standards for Children's Care, as well as developing practical skills in preparation for work and possible achievements of NVQs in due course. This course does not deliver Occupational Competence in the Children's care Sector which should be demonstrated in a work context.

What do I need to know before taking the National/National First Awards?

You do not need to have studied this area before starting this course. It is important that you are energetic, have a lively and enquiring mind, a real interest in early years care, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. Good social skills and the ability to work as part of a team is also important. A standard of literacy and numeracy supported by a general education equivalent to GCSEs at grades D-G or other related Level 1 or 2 qualifications.

What will I study?

The qualification is made up of four units,

Unit 1: Principles and Values Underpinning the Care, Learning and Development Sector

Unit 2: Supporting the Provision of Safe and Effective Childcare Environments

Unit 3: Supporting Child and Young Person Development

Unit 4: Supporting Children's Play and Learning

Candidates must successfully complete all four mandatory units to be awarded the Level 2 BTEC Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development.

Why choose this course?

You will have the opportunity,

- ✧ To develop the knowledge, understanding and skills learners need to work with children and young people in a variety of settings, within a supervised role;
- ✧ For learners to focus on the development of the major key skills and the wider key skills in a children's care, learning and development context, such as improving own learning and performance, working with other and problem solving;
- ✧ For learners to develop a range of skills and techniques, personal qualities and attitudes essential for successful performance in working life.

What can I do afterwards?

NVQ level two qualifications in Children's Care Learning and Development National Diploma in Children's Care learning and Development.

How will I be assessed?

All students' written evidence, assignments, projects, letters written, photographs and drawings will be kept in their portfolio.

Internal assessment: This is the assessment that takes place within the college by your tutors.

External assessment: All credits awarded by the tutors are subjected to external moderation. This is where someone from the exam board samples student portfolios to make sure that the marking fits in with their national standards. Marks can be adjusted at this stage where they are found to vary.

There will be three levels of grading: Pass, Merit and Distinction. How you will achieve these levels will be clearly identified to you at the start of each assessed task.

