



Children's Play, Learning & Development

Why you should follow this course

If you are someone who is interested in working in early years, this is an excellent course.

BTEC is a vocationally related qualification, where you develop knowledge and understanding by applying your learning and skills in a work-related context. Additionally, it allows you to develop skills that are essential for the modern-day workplace. These skills include: team working; working from a prescribed brief; working to deadlines; and presenting information effectively.

What teaching and learning methods will be used?

At the beginning of each unit you will be provided with an assignment brief which tells you about the unit, what you need to learn and the portfolio assignment (if applicable).

- A variety of teaching strategies will be used to cover the knowledge you have to acquire and the tasks you have to complete.
- The resources available to you will include: Visits, interviews, talks by professionals, case studies, newspapers and magazines, YOUR TEACHER.
- Work placements – you will need to undertake a range of short placements to complete some of the portfolio assessments and complete 50 hours in total.

How will the course be assessed?

This is a two year course so you must commit to study in both Y12 and Y13. There is some internally assessed work in the form of assignments. You will be required to produce a portfolio of evidence based on 50 hours of work experience. One unit in Year 12 is externally assessed in the form of a written examination and one in Year 13 in the form of a set assignment under examination conditions.

Grades awarded are Pass, Merit, Distinction, Distinction* or Unclassified. You must pass all units including the exam to achieve an overall grade.

What can you do when you have your qualification?

These qualifications provide opportunities for you to progress to either a higher academic qualification at University or more specialised vocational pathways, and support progression into employment such as apprenticeships or a job in childcare.

Examination Board: Pearson
Qualification: Extended Certificate

COURSE CONTENT

Unit 1: Child Development (exam)

Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills (externally assessed set task)

Unit 3: Play and Learning (coursework)

One choice of coursework from the following units:

Unit 5: Keeping Children Safe

Unit 6: Meeting Children's Physical Development, Physical Care and Health Needs

Unit 8: Working with parents and others in early years.

Unit 11: The Early Years Foundation Stage.



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