



# Early Childhood Development

BTEC National (Extended Certificate)



## Course Outline

Are you passionate about working with children and making a real difference in their early years? If so, then this course is perfect for those wanting a career in childcare, early years education, or teaching, or who are considering further study in childhood-related fields.

It allows students to engage in a broad investigation of the children's care and education sector (0-8 years). It also supports progression to higher education in childhood studies, social work, or teaching. This course is equivalent to one A level in size, it is suitable for students looking to develop their applied knowledge and skills in Education and Early Years as part of a study programme alongside A levels.

## Assessment

There are four mandatory units; two examined (50%)

Unit 1 – Children's Development and

Unit 2 – Keeping Children Safe

and two internally assessed coursework units (50%)

Unit 3 – Play and Learning and

Unit 4 – Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting. The internally assessed units give students the opportunity to engage in applied knowledge and understanding tasks to develop their early childhood development knowledge.

## Exam Board

BTEC.

## Skills Required

- Good communication skills
- Understanding and caring attitude towards children
- Curiosity about child development and learning through play

## Entry Requirement

- Maths and English at Level 4



## Future opportunities

Degrees in:

- Early Childhood Studies,
- Education
- Social Work
- Health & Social Care.

