

BTEC Child's Play and Learning Development

OPTION

This course is for students who wish to pursue a career working with children. Students will gain the theoretical knowledge needed to learn how to manage child behaviour, learn how children develop and gain an understanding of the skills required to work with children. It follows the Pearson course and is equivalent to 1 GCSE.

What skills are needed for this course?

- An interest in working with children
- An ability to work independently with guidance

Coursework and Examinations:

- The learners carry out a range of tasks that have been designed to recognise their achievements in a practical way that is relevant to the workplace. There are strict coursework deadlines that must be adhered to throughout the course.
- This course gives students the opportunity to achieve a Level 1/Level 2 qualification. It is graded from Pass to Distinction*. Students will need to complete 3 units of work.

Core units:

Unit 1: Patterns of Child Development (examined)

Unit 2: Promoting Children's Learning Through Play (coursework)

Mandatory Unit:

Unit 3: The Principles of Early Years Practice (coursework)

Work experience:

Students who opt for this course will benefit by spending their work experience week in a child based setting as this will provide students with practical experience which can be used within their coursework.

Progression Pathways to further and higher education:

- Level 3 Cambridge Technical in Health and Social Care

With further training this course could lead to a career as a:

- Nursery Nurse
- Social worker
- Play therapist
- Teacher
- Midwife
- Paediatric Nurse

Please note this is not a child care course and you will not be learning how to look after infants, but you will learn about how children develop from 0-8 years which is key to being an early years practitioner.