



BTEC National in Early Childhood Development

Exam Board: Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification

Entry requirements: Grade 4 in GCSE English Language/Literature and Maths.
A professional attitude, full of patience, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

Intent

The Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate) allows students to engage in a broad investigation of the children's care and education sector (0-8 years).

Implementation

There are four mandatory examined units and one mandatory internally assessed unit. The internally assessed units give students the opportunity to engage in applied knowledge and understanding tasks to develop their health and social care knowledge.

Unit number	Unit title	GLH	Type	How assessed
1	Children's Development	90	Mandatory	External
2	Keeping Children Safe	90	Mandatory	External
3	Play and Learning	90	Mandatory	Internal
4	Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting	90	Mandatory	Internal

Internally assessed units are assessed by a Pearson Set Assignment Brief (PSAB), which is set by Pearson, marked by class teachers and subject to external standards verification.

Unit 1: Children's Development - explore children's developmental progress from birth up to eight years. They will examine theories, principles and factors relating to development.

Unit 2: Keeping Children Safe - 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.

Unit 3: Play and Learning - explore the concept of play, the influence of theories and curriculum approaches to play, and the benefits of play and learning activities for children.

Unit 4: Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting - 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.

Assessment Methods

This course has two units that are internally assessed and two units that are externally assessed.



Impact

This qualification can lead to progression to the following degrees:

- ◆ Nursing: BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing, BSc (Hons) Nursing Children
- ◆ Teacher Training: BA (Hons) Childhood and Early Years Studies
- ◆ Social Work: BA (Hons) Social Work
- ◆ Psychology: BSc (Hons) Psychology

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