



SCHOOL FOR CARE AND FOUNDATION STUDIES

BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CHILDREN'S, CARE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (FULL TIME)

Is this the right course for me?

Do you want to work with children?

Would you like to study Child Development and Child Care?

Would you like the opportunity to gain experience in a range of work placements?

Do you want to meet other people and get yourself a nationally recognised qualification at Level 3?

If you can answer yes to all the above then this is the course for you.

This new course is now the equivalent of 3 'A' levels and contains a number of units to be studied over two years.

What do I need to join the course?

A full GNVQ Intermediate at merit or above plus GCSE English or 5 GCSE passes at Grade C or above or equivalent, one of which must include GCSE English. (Maths, Science would also be essential if you want to consider teacher training/University at some stage in the future); and a successful interview.

What will I be doing?

The Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Children's Care, Learning and Development consists of 7 core units plus specialist units that provide for a combined total of 720 guided learning hours (GLH) for the completed qualification.

The core units are:

- 1 Positive Relationships for Children's Care, Learning and Development
- 2 Positive Environments for Children's Care, Learning and Development
- 3 Promoting Children's Development
- 4 Reflecting on and Developing Practice for Children aged 0-8**
- 5 Safeguarding Children
- 6 Promoting Children's Rights
- 7 Children's Learning Activities and Play

You have the option of studying other units such as:

Supporting Children's Literacy Skills

Psychological Perspectives on Children's Behaviour

Research Methodology for Children's Care, Learning and Development

Combined Science for the Early Years Practitioner: Life Processes and Living Things

Modern Beliefs and Religions for the Early Years Practitioner

The Development and Care of Babies and Children under three years

Independent Learning in Children's Care, Learning and Development

Academic Literacy in the Children's Care, Learning and Development Sector

** This unit requires the students to complete 800 hours in placement in four separate settings, covering all the whole age range of 0 – 8 years.

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How long will the course last and what patterns of attendance are available?

The Certificate is a two year full-time course. Individual units can be studied to gain Certificates of Achievement.

What will I achieve?

The BTEC National Certificate will equip you with a nationally recognised qualification in Nursery Nursing at equivalent Level 3 and is a 'licence to practice'. This will enable you to apply for a range of employment opportunities such as:

Nursery Nurses working within a school environment

Learning Support Assistants

Playworkers

Children's representatives for overseas holiday companies

Play therapists within a hospital environment

Working alongside health visitors

and provide opportunities to apply for university courses and teacher training (providing you have relevant qualifications.)

And the future?

The BTEC National Certificate qualifications in Children's Care Learning and Development are recognised for entry purposes to a range of higher education courses:- leading to professional qualifications in teacher training, nursing, social administration and social science. It will also enable you to apply for posts within these services. (If you are hoping to apply for a degree course leading to qualified primary school teacher status it is advisable to have studied a National Curriculum subject at A Level.)

Key Skills

Through your studies you will be given the opportunity to improve and receive certification of your Key Skills in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology. In many cases you will also be able to achieve further qualifications in Problem Solving, Improve Own Learning and Performance as well as Working with Others. All key skills are nationally recognised qualifications to improve not only your employability skills but also assist your university application by attracting additional UCAS points.

What does it cost?

Tuition fees to be confirmed at interview (payable each year)

BTEC Registration Fee to be confirmed

You will need to buy a relevant childcare book and stationery.

You will also be required to buy a polo shirt for placement and

pay for an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Check, which is essential when working with children, this will cost £50

Students under 19 do not pay tuition or exam fees but will still have to pay £50 for the above.

What should I do now?

If you wish to be interviewed for a place on this course please complete an application form and return it to **Reception or The Advice Centre**

If you have any queries please ring **The Advice Centre** on free phone 0800 854 695

Certain groups, eg male candidates, are under-represented on the Childcare courses. We positively encourage applications from all individuals regardless of gender, culture, class, age, disability or religion, in accordance with the College Equal Opportunity Policy.

Please note that all the details on this fact sheet were correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change.

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