Early Childhood Development

Exam Board Pearson

Qualification BTEC Level 3 AAQ (Alternative Academic Qualification – equivalent to one A-level

Entry Requirements Grade 4 in English and Maths

Content

Mandatory Topics:

Unit 1 - Children's Development (exam)
Students 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 (exam)
Students 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 (assignment)
Students explore the concept of play, the influence of theories and approaches to play, and the benefits of play and learning activities for children.

Unit 4 - The Early Years Foundation Stage (assignment)
Students 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

Assessment throughout the course consists of 50% internal assignments and 50% external examinations.
Assessments are designed to allow students to demonstrate relevant knowledge, understanding and skills that they acquire throughout their unit studies.

Career Prospects

Students who study Early Childhood Development have the stepping stone to multiple career pathways including Early years teacher, childminder, family support worker, play therapist, primary school teacher, speech and language therapist, paediatric nursing, and special educational needs teacher.