

Vocational Children's Play, Learning and Development

Exam Board Pearson Edexcel

Qualification BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development



Entry Requirements Grade 4 at GCSE in English Language

Content (Outline of Course)

This Level 3 BTEC qualification in children's Play, Learning and Development has been designed with employers and representatives from higher education and professional bodies. In this way, the qualification is up to date and covers all of the knowledge, skills and attributes that are required in the child development sector. Students will undertake 8 units of study during this programme that cover a range of contemporary issues or topics pertaining to the child development arena. All students will be offered opportunities to undertake work experiences in a care setting. Although this is not a mandatory requirement of the programme, it is highly recommended as a means of developing skills and expertise needed for entry into the arena of child care.

Course Content:

There are three mandatory units, two external and one internal. Students must complete and achieve at pass grade or above in all of these units. In addition, students must complete one optional unit. Units include:

- Children's Development
- Development of Children's communication, literacy and numeracy skills
- Play and Learning
- Keeping Children Safe
- Children's physical development, care and health needs
- Working with parents and others in Early Years

Assessment

Students undertake four units to complete the programme of study. This includes two exam units that will be externally assessed and two course work units that will be internally assessed.

Internally assessed course work units will be marked by the subject teacher and subject to internal and external verification. Students will be provided with BTEC assessment guidelines to ensure that they are fully aware of how to meet course work criteria.

Careers Guidance

This qualification is recognised by higher education institutions and carries UCAS points. When taken alongside other relevant qualifications, it can lead to a degree pathway in an array of educational and health and social care programmes such as teaching, nursery nursing, nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy, social work and occupational therapy. We expect students to progress onto courses including paediatric nursing, childhood studies and primary education and many others in addition.