Name of course	CAMBRIDGE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Examination Board	OCR Specification J818

What is child development?

A course designed for students who have a willingness to work hard and a general interest in children and their development.

What skills will I learn?

See content of course.

Content of the course

Teacher Assessed Unit

- Understanding the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years.
- Teacher Assessed Unit
- Understanding the development of a child from birth to five years CHILD STUDY
- Students will gain knowledge of, and skills in, developing activities to observe development norms in children up to the age of five. Students will research, plan and carry out activities with children and make observations of their development.

Exam

Health and wellbeing for the child (exam)

All students will learn the essential knowledge and understanding for child development, covering reproduction, parental responsibility, pre-conceptual care, antenatal care, birth, postnatal checks, care of the child, childhood illnesses and child safety.

Year 10 will involve the teaching of the subject content described above, and some of the teacher assessed units.

In Year 11 students will be mainly involved in completing the Child Study, but the remainder of the subject content will also be taught.

Other aspects of work will include:

• Visits by members of the community e.g. midwife

How will I be assessed?

Grades are:

Distinction* at Level 2

Distinction at Level 2

Merit at Level 2

Pass at Level 2 Level 1

Distinction at Level 1

Merit at Level 1

Pass at Level 1

The final grade will be determined by two centre assessed units and one examination.

- 1) Understanding the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years (25%)
- 2) Understanding the development of a child from birth to five years CHILD STUDY (25%)

The child study will require research and investigation, including observational visits over a period of 6 months.

Final Written Examination: Health and wellbeing for child development (50%)

Particular issues for this subject

It is the candidate's responsibility to find a parent willing to allow them to study a child.

Useful websites, etc.

Opportunities beyond KS4:

- Courses such as Health & Social Care and Childcare, Childcare and Education, Childcare Early years Educator
- A levels such as Sociology, Biology, and Psychology
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate/Diploma in Health and Social Care
- Apprenticeships such as Early Years Childcare and Education, Health and Social Care
- Careers in childcare, nursery nursing, general nursing, medicine, midwifery, teaching, nannying, social work, teaching assistant etc.

Resources

Cambridge National Level 1/2 Child Development

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