



Course Description Sheets - Level 2

CHILDREN'S CARE, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

BTEC First Certificate Level 2

Examination Board: Edexcel

Duration: One year

Minimum entry requirements:

- you should be able to show that you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to five GCSEs grade D-G **OR**
- you should be able to show that you have undertaken suitable work experience **OR**
- you have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification

Enrichment opportunities:

- all students have access to our enrichment programme
- Key skills assessment
- visiting lecturers and professionals with specific knowledge in this field of work

Skills developed:

- communication, oral and written
- knowledge of child development
- care needs of babies and young children
- skills needed to be a professional Early Years practitioner

Likely next step opportunities:

- BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development (you must achieve an overall Merit at Level 2)
- employment as a nursery assistant

Equates to: The achievement of the BTEC First Diploma is equivalent to four GCSEs grade A*-C

Assessment summary:

- To achieve this qualification you must complete and pass assignments for all of the six units (5 mandatory, 1 specialist unit)
- The grading for each unit will be Pass, Merit, Distinction

Work placement: You will be expected to attend a work placement for 2 days a week (arranged by the College)

Each student will need to complete a Criminal Records Bureau check

Course outline: This course will help you to gain a qualification that will give you the knowledge, understanding and competency needed when considering employment in the children's care sector. You will have the opportunity to apply theory to practice during work placement.

You will be expected to produce a portfolio of evidence which reflects your knowledge and understanding of the units studied.

Course structure:

Unit 1: Understanding Children's Development You will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on child development which is fundamental to work with children. You will gain understanding of development from 0-3 years, 7-12 years and 12-16 years. You will find out how children develop in overall terms of growth and development and different aspects of development - physical, intellectual, emotional and social.

Unit 2: Keeping Children Safe

You will learn about keeping children safe which has to be a priority in all work with children. The main purpose of this unit is to enable you to gain an understanding of how to achieve this.

Unit 3: Communication with Children and Adults

You will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the key features of effective interpersonal communication and to be able to use this to understand and improve your ability to interact and communicate both with children and adults.

Unit 4: Preparing and Maintaining Environments for Child Care

You will gain knowledge on how the nature of the children's environments is crucial in ensuring maximum benefits for children of all ages. This unit will introduce you to the importance of providing a warm, safe, secure and encouraging environment.

Unit 5: Professional Development, Roles and Responsibilities

You will have the opportunity to gain skills needed to be a professional within the care sector, how to be professional and how to work with others in a team. This unit will mainly be delivered through work experience.

Optional Unit: To be confirmed.