

# Children's Play, Learning and Development (Early Years Educator)

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma or Extended Diploma



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## What is Children's Play, Learning and Development?

The Early Years Educator course is designed to help you develop the skills and knowledge for working in the early years sector. The range of units encourages a holistic view of child development and work experience to help develop the practical skills required for working with children. The course is taught predominantly through a work placement alongside a professional practice portfolio. This particular qualification is equivalent in size to 2 A Levels (*National Diploma*) or 3 A Levels (*Extended Diploma*).

## What will I study?

### Mandatory Units:

- 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
- Children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Working with Parents and Others in Early Years
- Observation, Assessment and Planning
- Reflective Practice
- The Early Years Foundation Stage
- Enquiries into Current Research in Early Years Practice (*Extended Diploma Only*)

### Optional Units:

Extended Diploma students will take a further 4 optional units.

## What entry requirements will I need?

General entry requirements for these particular pathways apply.

## How will I be taught?

Students will be taught through a variety of teaching techniques with a combination of practical and theoretical lessons. Students will also be expected to complete a minimum of 750 hours work experience in the Early Years sector over the two years.

## How will I be assessed?

A combination of written examination, coursework and tasks set by Pearson in exam conditions with time constraints.

## What career opportunities does this open up?

This is a vocational qualification offering a practical and relevant start to anyone interested in a career in the Early Years Sector i.e. an Early years Educator, a nanny and a childminder.