

Specialist Qualification in Children's Play, Learning and Development



Entry Criteria:

- Five GCSE's at Grade 4 or above
- One of the five to be GCSE Mathematics or English at Grade 4 or above.

Coursework/Examination Requirements: The course is made up of four units, one externally assessed examination, one externally set task and two internally set assignments.

Awarding Body/Specifications: Pearson - National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development. Students will be awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* by the points gained for the successful achievement of individual units.

Specialist Qualification (equivalent to one A Level): This course is equivalent to one A Level and students should choose two or three additional subjects alongside this qualification. It is a specialist qualification which focuses on particular aspects of employment within the childcare sector. This qualification can extend a learner's programme of study and provides a vocational emphasis for students studying other A Levels. You will gain the knowledge and skills required in the care and Early Years sector, preparing you for further study and training. You will also have the opportunity to carry out work experience.

The following units will be covered on this course:

Four core units of study which include:

- Child Development - Externally Assessed Examination.
- Play in Early Years Settings – Coursework.
- Partnership with Parents and Professionals – Coursework.
- Literacy and Numeracy – Externally Assessed.

You will also:

- Carry out work experience in your study periods.
- Need to complete all units in order to gain the qualification over a period of two years.

Specialist Qualification Certificate: There is not an option to study this as an AS equivalent qualification as this is a two-year course.

Progression: The subject is of particular relevance to a wide range of Higher Education degrees such as Teaching, Nursing and Social Work.

Opportunities: You will carry out work experience working alongside qualified staff to assist them in looking after children. The work placement enables you to put classroom theory into practice.