

BTEC National Award in Children's Care

Introduction

The BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development is a varied and interesting course which is designed to give you an insight into working with young children. At the end of the course you will not only have the equivalent of one A level but will have gained valuable experience working with young children. Throughout the course you will develop a range of different skills and will acquire knowledge in the classroom which you will put into place whilst on work placement.

This course is really offered for those who enjoy working with children but who may want to go into careers such as key stage two primary school teaching. This is a full A level course and would have to be taken over two years, it is NOT available as an AS equivalent course.

Year 1

In the first year you will learn about how to develop positive relationships with children particularly by developing communication skills. You will also learn about children's development and how this can be promoted through observation techniques. At the end of the year you will have two weeks of work placement in an early years setting where you will put into practice the skills and knowledge gained in a unit on reflecting on practice.

Year 2

In the second year you will learn how to provide positive environments for children including undertaking a first aid qualification and learning about caring for young babies. You will also learn about how to safeguard children by providing a safe and secure environment and will also learn about child protection. As part of the unit on observation you will need to undertake some additional work placement hours and will spend half a day a week on work placement in order to develop your observational techniques in a practical setting.

Assessment

All units will be assessed through the submission of coursework assignments. You must enjoy doing coursework as over the two year you will be submitting work on a weekly basis.

Specific Entry Criteria

Grade C in English Language or Maths.