

Childcare Course Information

Title of Course	Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Award in Children's Play, Learning and Development
Exam Board	Edexcel (BTEC)
Syllabus title	Level 3 National Award
Course Code	601/2459/3
Course Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development • Stages of child growth and development • Theories of development • How play supports development • Health and safety for children • Safeguarding children against dangers • Observing child behaviours and development
Assessment and weighting	5 internally assessed assignment based units throughout the course. 1 externally assessed unit (Double unit): examination lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes.
Trips/visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular visit to a child-focused setting once per fortnight for throughout the course, as part of a work placements.
Future opportunities/ careers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary School Teaching • Nursery nurses • Midwifery • Social work with children • Child psychology.

Childcare Person Specification

	Essential:
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C or above in GCSE biology (or combined science) and English • 95% attendance in year 11 • Positive feedback from year 10 work experience
Attitude/Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard working • Reliable • Confident • Positive/Enthusiastic • Empathetic • Willing to develop independence.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team worker • Independent • Organised • High standard of written communication.
	Desirable:
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C or above in GCSE Child Development • C or above in English
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociable • Able to interact with both children and adults.
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience within a nursery or primary school setting. • Voluntary or paid part-time work within a childcare setting.