

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CN LEVEL 2 COURSE

What are the key features?

This Cambridge National Level 1/2 Certificate in Child Development concentrates on the development and care of babies and children under the age of 5.

Over the two years, students will study the following topics:

Unit 1: EXAM 'Health and well-being for child development': In this unit students will learn about the importance of both pre-conception health and creating conditions in which a child can thrive, including the prevention and management of childhood illnesses and creating a safe environment.

Unit 2: Coursework 'Creating a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years': In this unit students will learn how to create a safe environment for children from birth to five years in childcare settings. They will investigate and choose equipment that is both suitable and safe for use and will learn about their nutrition and dietary needs.

Unit 3: Coursework 'Understand the development of a child from one to five years': In this unit, students will learn the expected developmental norms for children from one to five years. They will use observation, research techniques and skills to investigate these development norms and explore their findings. Students will also learn the importance of creating plans and providing different play activities to support children in their development.

How is it assessed?

The course is divided into three units:

There is one exam paper which students will sit at the end of the two year course.

There are two internally assessed coursework units comprising of multiple practical and written tasks.

Which particular skills are required to succeed?

- Students have to be self-motivated and well-organised in order to complete the assessments thoroughly.
- Each student has to plan and organise materials, then arrange visits in order to complete their work.
- Common sense and personal experience also play a big part in this course and students who are willing to share their ideas and experiences are always welcome!
- A sound ability in written English is a must, as both assessments and exams are marked on quality of writing as well as content.
- An interest in babies and young children is vital.

Why study this course?

This qualification is for students aged 14-16 who wish to develop applied knowledge and practical skills in child development.

Child Development Cambridge National is the equivalent of a full GCSE and provides a strong base for progression to Further Education, whether it is on to Level 3 (Advanced) Technical courses or A Levels, apprenticeship or work.

What equipment is required?

Normal stationery is required in every lesson and the purchase of a new text book to last the two years.

Although not 'equipment' students MUST have regular access to a child under 5 in Year 11 for their child study. Students who do not have access to a child should not apply for this course.

If I have any questions, which teacher do I ask?

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