

Curricular Area: Design **Course Title:** Early Education and Childcare National 4/5

Course Description

Early Education and Childcare is the holistic study of the care, learning and development of children aged 0-16 years.

This course comprises 3 mandatory units

- Play in Early Education and Childcare- students will learn how play benefits the child and involves practical work including the planning, setting up, carrying out and evaluating play experiences for a range of ages of children in either a real or simulated environment
- Working in Early Education and Childcare – students will investigate a range of career options within the Early Education and Childcare sector and will develop some of the skills qualities and attitudes needed to work with children and young people.
- Child Development and Health – students will study issues related to health and development of children aged 0-12 years and the role of the adult in supporting them

There are also a number of optional units of which we will complete one - First Aid / Care and Feeding of Children or Parenting

Assessment

Each unit will be assessed individually and students must pass each unit to achieve a course award. There is no final external examination for this course however students work may be assessed by a visiting verifier from the SQA.

Home Study Expectations

Home study may be issued weekly or fortnightly depending on the demands of the task. Tasks will often include working on planning activities

Possible next level of study

Higher Child Care and Development – delivered at college

Wider Achievement Opportunities

It may be possible to achieve the ReHIS Elementary Hygiene Certificate during this course.

Possible career paths

There is a growing need for childcare professionals – Nursery Nurse, Nursery Teacher, Registered child minder, Primary Teacher, Nanny. This course is also suitable for anyone who wishes to go into nursing, occupational therapy or any other caring profession.