



## *What will I study?*

This course is designed for learners aged 14–16 who have an interest in children's learning and development who may want to study further or work in the childcare sector.

Learners will study children aged 0 to 10 years and complete three mandatory units (one externally assessed and two internally assessed) spread across 120 guided learning hours.

## *How will I be assessed?*



### **Unit 1: Research task (internal assessment 30%)**

Learners will carry out an in-depth research study on a topic of their choosing, including: • pre-conceptual care • ante-natal care • health, safety, diet and care of the child • play • education • support for the parent and child. Using their research findings, learners could design an exercise routine for a child or producing an information booklet for a pregnant woman.

### **Unit 2: Child Study (internal assessment 30%)**

Learners will work with a child aged up to 10 years over a period of 4–6 months. During this time the learner will: • carry out and evaluate appropriate research • use research to select, plan and justify activities which will enable them to observe physical, intellectual, emotional, social, communication and language development • carry out observations of a child to assess their development • record observations • analyse and evaluate observations, recognising change and progression in development and comparing against developmental milestones.

### **Unit 3: Development of the child from pre-conception to 10 years old (external exam 40%)**

This unit covers: • factors influencing development pre-conception and during pregnancy • growth and development • communication and language development • learning and play • education provision • child health and safety • the role of professionals and voluntary organisations.

## *What might this subject lead you on to after leaving school?*

Further qualifications in A levels, Technical Certificates, Technical Levels and BTEC Level 3 National Diploma's in Children's Play learning and Development or Health and Social Care. Working in the Early years and Primary sector, nursing and other caring professions.



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The course involves studying about:

- Parenthood – The family, planning for a family, preparing for the baby, provision of a safe environment.
- Pregnancy – Reproduction, pre-conceptual care, pregnancy, preparation for birth, labour and birth, new-born baby, postnatal care.
- Diet, health and care of the child - A healthy diet, feeding a baby, weaning, feeding the young child, food related problems.
- Development of the child – Development, physical development, intellectual development, social and emotional development, learning and play.
- Support for the parent and child – Types of support available, child care provision, educational and developmental provision.

## *How will I be assessed?*

Written Paper 40%

Controlled Assessments 60%

The controlled assessment is broken down into 2 tasks:

**Research Task (20%)** - The examination board sets the tasks and you choose one.

**Child Study (40%)** - This consists of a child study over a minimum of 4 months. This also includes a research element set by the examination board.

## *What advanced courses can this subject lead on to?*

- BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development – National Diploma – equivalent to 3 A-levels
- BTEC Children's Play, Learning and Development – Subsidiary Diploma equivalent to 1 A-level
- AS/A2 Health and Social Care
- BTEC Health and Social Care

## *What might this subject lead you on to after leaving school?*

This subject could also lead to careers such as: Teaching, Caring Professions, Nursing, Midwifery, Police, Social Work, Nanny, Nursery Nursing, Health Visiting, Psychology, Childhood Studies, and Physiotherapy.

## *Where do I go to find out more?*

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/home-economics/elc/home-economics-child-development-5956>

