

Children's Care, Learning & Development

Working with children is varied, exciting and very rewarding, but it is also very demanding. Work in this area varies depending on the age of the children you are caring for – from babies to teenagers. This field requires a wealth of skills and knowledge, all of which can be learned at Shipley College. Theory and practice go hand-in-hand, with a large proportion of your learning based in the workplace.



Get on-the-job training, study for a nationally recognised qualification such as an NVQ and earn money while you learn. Find out what an Apprenticeship in Children's Care, Learning & Development can do for you on pages 12-14.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
BTEC INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA



Course Length 1 year

Code: 5012

Entry Requirements

No formal qualifications are required.

You will:

- Need to have a positive attitude and enthusiasm for a caring career.
- Have the opportunity to attend 'taster' sessions to find out more about the course.
- Have a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check (approx £40) completed at the start of the course.

Course Content

The course offers you a broad introduction to the Care sector, both child and adult care. You will start to develop the personal skills and qualities that a career in caring for others will demand and you will study interesting topics including working in health & social care, working with children, health & the environment and images of people. You will also take part in a work placement at the end of the course either in a childcare or care of the elderly setting.

Progression

After completion, you can progress onto the Children's Care, Learning and Development BTEC First Diploma or onto the NVQ 2 (Apprenticeship) in the Children's Care Learning and Development. You could also work as an assistant in a childcare or care of the elderly environment.

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CHILDREN'S CARE, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT BTEC FIRST DIPLOMA



Course Length 1 year

Code: 5062

Entry Requirements

Please see page 10 for basic course entry requirements. In addition to these you will:

- Need to have a keen interest in working with children.
- Have the opportunity to attend 'taster' sessions to find out more about the course.
- Have a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check (approx £40) completed at the start of the course.

Course Content

Success on this course allows you to work in a supervised capacity as an 'assistant licensed to practice'. You develop practical skills and abilities in preparation for work. You will spend much of your time working on assignments based on realistic situations. You will study areas such as a child's growth and development and look at health issues. You will also learn about different activities for children's play and investigate professional practice. You will complete two days work experience each week during term time in a relevant setting, for example, in nurseries, crèches and reception classes.

Progression

After finishing the course, you can progress onto the BTEC National Diploma or find work in a nursery, family centre or playwork centre.

CHILDREN'S CARE, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA



Course Length 2 years

Code: 5033

Entry Requirements

Please see page 10 for basic course entry requirements. In addition to these you will:

- Have an enthusiasm for working with children.
- Have a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check (approx £40) completed at the start of the course.

Course Content

This professional work-related qualification strongly emphasises the need for practical skills, backed up by theory. It is recognised by universities and schools of nursing as equivalent to 3 A Levels. It is also a qualification recognised as a licence to practice as an early years practitioner. You will study areas such as child development, children's play & learning, developmental psychology, diet & nutrition, health & safety and managing the provision of early years services. For two days each week, you will take part in work experience, which we will arrange for you. In addition, you will undertake block placements in a variety of settings covering the different groups in the 0-8 age range.

Progression

After successful completion of this course, you could progress onto Higher Education – a primary teaching degree or paediatric nursing at university or at a Higher Education institution. The course can lead to career opportunities in schools, private day nurseries, social services, family centres & hospital play work.



Costs

There are no tuition fees for most students. You will need a small amount of money to purchase recommended textbooks and stationery such as files, paper and pens. You will also be required to purchase a college polo shirt for use whilst on placement.

What next?

Successful students from Children's Care, Learning and Development courses have gone onto careers in nursery nursing, as teaching assistants and special needs support assistants. Others have recently been accepted onto degree courses at Bradford College, Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status and Social Care.

"We Say..."

The Children's Care, Learning & Development team are highly qualified professionals and are specialists in the area they teach. Team qualifications include primary teacher, nursery nurse, midwife and health visitor.

Pooja is course coordinator for the BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development. She worked as a nursery manager for many years, then moved into primary school teaching. She thoroughly enjoyed her industrial experience. Pooja came into FE teaching because "I felt that I had a wide range of knowledge and experience in child development and other key subjects related to children. I knew that it would be rewarding to pass it onto other individuals".

Pooja Sharma, Children's Care, Learning & Development Tutor.



"you Say..."

I really enjoy my course and tutors are supportive and helpful.

Samina, Children's Care, Learning & Development Student.

