

Welcome to BTEC Early Childhood Development



Learning objectives:

- ✓ To gain an understanding of the requirements of your chosen subject in preparation for a September 2025 start

True or false?

What do you already know about children's learning and development?



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Key words:

Preparation
Organisation
Punctuality
Commitment
Success



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Specification

Early Childhood Development (Extended Certificate)

Year 12		
Unit 1	Children's development	Exam
Unit 3	Play and Learning	Coursework
Year 13		
Unit 2	Keeping Children Safe	Exam
Unit 4	Research and Reflective Practice in an Early Childhood Setting	Coursework

Each unit is worth 25% of the final grade

This subject is complimented by Sociology, Psychology, Biology, Applied science, English



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Placements + Timetabling

You will be expected to complete placements in schools or nurseries with children under the age of 8.

You may complete this as your work experience in summer year 12, or you might do an afternoon a week all year – timetable depending...



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- *Work placements. You could do an afternoon a week all year*
- *Sixth formers into teaching enrichment*
- *Playground visits*
- *Forest school at a local primary school*
- *Local Montessori nursery*
- *Museum of childhood, Bethnal Green*
- *First aid certificate*



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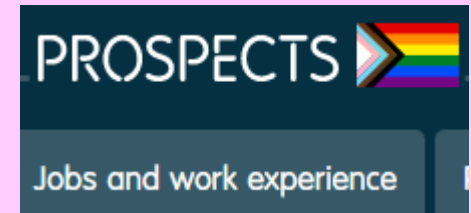
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Explanation

Careers linked to this qualification...

- Teaching
- Nursing
- Early years practitioner
- Social worker
- Teaching assistant
- Nursery worker
- Play worker
- Education consultant
- Education mental health practitioner
- Education psychologist
- SEN / 1:1 teacher

After HT...
College?
Apprenticeship?
Degree?



<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles>



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The importance of adults in children's development



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aISXCw0Pi94>



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**What do children need to be safe
and to learn?**



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Work in pairs to “Spot the Hazard” on your sheets.

Why may these be hazardous?

What can we do to minimise or remove these hazards?



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Why Does Play Matter?

- Play helps children **learn** about the world
- It supports development in lots of areas – not just fun!
- Through play, children build **language** and **communication** skills
- It builds **confidence**, **imagination**, and **physical** skills
- Play teaches **social skills** like sharing and turn-taking



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E) How does play help children grow?

Area of Development	How Play Helps
Physical	Climbing, running, building improves gross/fine motor skills
Cognitive	Puzzles, role-play build problem-solving and memory
Communication	Talking during play builds vocabulary and listening skills
Social	Group play teaches teamwork, rules, and empathy
Emotional	Children express feelings, build confidence, and resilience

Which of these skills have you used today?
Which ones do you think are the most important for young children?

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For each photo - what play is being developed?



Why are these skills important for children?



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Who do you think works with children ages 0-8 years?

Education Sector:

Early years teacher,
SEN support,
HLTA

Healthcare Sector:

Paediatric nurse,
Health visitor,
Speech therapist

Science Sector:

Child psychologist,
Audiologist,
Nutritionist

Social Care Sector:

Family support worker,
Social worker,
Safeguarding officer



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Specialist Careers in Early Childhood Development

On your resource, match the job title to the description.

Then, consider which skills you will need demonstrate for this job.



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End & send Task

Expectations

- ✓ Ensure you have completed all tasks
- ✓ Complete any notes
- ✓ Complete ending task
- ✓ Email/Teams message the teacher with any Qs



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