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Level 2 Extended Technical Diploma Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Childcare & Education
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Course Code	CFP-CC2D-1200

Course Overview

The Level 2 Extended Technical Diploma Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner is a vocational qualification aimed at individuals seeking to work in early years settings, providing knowledge and skills for working with children from birth to 5 years, and some knowledge up to 7 years.

This qualification will enable you to achieve Early Years Educator status at level 2. Upon completing the course, you will be eligible for employment in an Early Years setting at level 2.

Course Requirements

Grade 3 or above in English & mathematics. 4 other GCSE's at grade 3 or above.

What You Will Learn

You will cover essential topics such as safeguarding, child development, equality and diversity, and the importance of play. Additionally, you will participate in industry placements each week, providing you with valuable insights into the real working world and practical experience in Early Years settings.

Assessment

Assignments

Placement observations

Professional discussions

Presentations

Low level exams

Progression

HE courses or employment in Early Years sector

Career Options

Early years sector including:

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

Mandatory Units

Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner

Health and safety of babies and young children in the early years

Equality, diversity and inclusive practice in Early Years Settings

Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children in Early Years Settings

Understand how to support children's development

Support care routines for babies and young children

Support the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes

Promote play in an Early Years Setting

Support well-being of babies and young children for healthy lifestyles

Support babies and young children to be physically active

Support the needs of babies and young children with Special Educational Needs and Disability

Promote positive behaviour in Early Years Settings

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