

# ***Children's Play, Learning and Development***

## ***About the course***

This qualification provides an engaging introduction to the world of early years. It focuses on aspects of child development from birth to age 8, exploring play as a route of children's learning, and helps students understand how to empower children.

There are three mandatory units:

### **Unit 1: Patterns of Child Development**

This unit is externally assessed through a written exam paper featuring mini case studies. Students will learn about children's growth and development: physical, cognitive, communication and language, emotional and social, and how these areas are linked.

### **Unit 2: Promoting Children's Development through Play**

Students will explore how play promotes children's development in early years settings. The unit is internally assessed through assignments.

### **Unit 3: The Principles of Early Years Practice**

This unit is internally assessed through assignments. Students will explore the key principles that are reflected in best practice in early years.

The qualification is equivalent to one GCSE.



***Research has shown  
that children who  
play often, become  
more creative and  
imaginative adults***

## ***How it will be assessed***

Unit 1 is assessed through external examination and Units 2 and 3 by internal assessment.

## ***What it prepares you for***

This course prepares you to go on and study further courses at Level 3 in Childcare or Health and Social Care.

It also prepares individuals for applying for apprenticeships within childcare.

