Professionals working in the Early Years sector create bonds with children that can have huge positive impacts on their development.

What a child learns about the world in the first months and years of their life is crucial, and you can experience the reward of being an important part of that.

Studying a BTEC in Early Years will prepare you for a career in a sector that values trust, kindness, creativity – and fun. You’ll experience an incredibly rewarding career, where you can go home at the end of the day knowing you have made a real difference to someone’s life.

What kind of career can I go into?

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Nursery Nurse
- Nursery Supervisor
- Early Years Educator
- Pre-school Leader
- Childminder
- Playgroup Assistant
- Teaching Assistant (Reception)

Units at a glance

If you choose to study a BTEC in Early Years, you could study units such as*:

### BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Child Development (2022)
- Children's Growth and Development
- Learning Through Play
- Supporting Children to Play, Learn and Develop

### BTEC Level 3 National in Children's Play, Learning and Development
- Children's Development
- Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills
- Play and Learning
- Enquiries into Current Research in Early Years Practice

### BTEC Higher Nationals in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Protecting Children in Early Childhood Education and Care Environments
- Supporting and Promoting Children's Development
- Promoting Inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care Environments

### BTEC Level 3 National in Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Keeping Children Safe
- Working with Parents and Others in Early Years
- Children's Physical Development, Care and Health Needs
- Reflective Practice
- Children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Observation, Assessment and Planning
- The Early Years Foundation Stage

*This is just a selection of the full range of units. Some units are optional and vary depending which qualification size you pick.

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**Course highlights**
Being able to go on a work placement and gain first-hand experience in the industry whilst being an advocate for National Deaf Children's Society and taking part in community work.

**Next Steps**
Aliyah is continuing with her nursery placement and working towards becoming a SEND teacher.

The top 5 skills employers look for that you'll learn on this BTEC course: