

BTEC Works for Early Years

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
- Nanny
- 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 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 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
- 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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Studied

BTEC National Diploma Level 3 in Children’s Care, Learning and Development, Southwest College.

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

 Interpersonal skills and communication

 Leadership

 Responsibility

 Time management

 Trust and teamwork