



FACULTY OF EDUCATION

OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE:
EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER

This course is aimed at preparing you to operate as an Early Childhood Development Practitioner in centre-based and non-centre-based early childhood development settings. With the growing demand for quality early childhood development services, obtaining this qualification will provide opportunities for you to enter this field.

Studying this course may be a good option if:

- You want to pursue a career as a playschool teacher, day care centre administrator, or day care centre manager.
- You want to start up your own ECD centre.

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Plan and prepare broad-phase learning environment and stimulating activities that meet the holistic needs of all children in centre-based or non-centre-based settings.
- Facilitate and mediate all aspects of the daily programme in a centre-based or non-centre-based setting.
- Observe, assess and record each child's progress.
- Compile a report of each child's progress.
- Maintain and promote the well-being, health, nutrition, safety and protection of children.

Course code:

ECD6010-20

Accreditation status:

- Fully accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)
- SAQA ID: 97542
- NQF Level 4
- 131 Credits

Duration:

18-24 months

Entry requirements:

- National Certificate Vocational (NCV) at NQF Level 3, OR
- Any other NQF Level 3 qualification.
- SAQA equivalency required for non-SA qualifications.

Topics covered:

Knowledge Modules (43 credits)

- KM-01: Introduction to the early childhood development sector
- KM-02: Theories and perspectives of child development
- KM-03: Planning and programme development in early childhood settings
- KM-04: Facilitation and mediation of active learning
- KM-05: Observation and assessment in early childhood development
- KM-06: Promotion of health, safety and well-being of children
- KM-07: Administration for early childhood development services and programmes

Practical Skills Modules (43 credits)

- PM-01: Plan and prepare inclusive educational activities and routines using an approved programme based on the curriculum framework
- PM-02: Facilitate and mediate active learning in an integrated and holistic learning programme
- PM-03: Observe, assess, record and report each child's progress according to the age and stage
- PM-04: Support and promote the health, nutrition, safety, protection and well-being of children
- PM-05: Build and maintain collaborative relationships with parents and other service providers
- PM-06: Prepare and maintain administrative system

Work Experience Modules (45 credits)

- WM-01: Learning programme and routines planning and preparation process
- WM-02: Processes of facilitating and mediating the learning programme in a variety of contexts
- WM-03: Processes of observation, assessment, recording and reporting on children's learning and development
- WM-04: Processes and procedures of promoting the health, nutrition, safety, protection and well-being of children in an early childhood development setting

Assessments:

Students are required to complete the following:

- 7 Formative assessments
- 7 Controlled Summative assessments
- 6 practical assessments
- 4 workplace assessments
- 1 External Integrated Summative Assessment

Eligibility requirements for the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA):

The EISA is administered by the QCTO. In order to qualify for the EISA, learners must have a copy of a completed and signed Statement of Work Experience as well as proof of successful completion of the Knowledge Modules and Practical Skills Modules. These are usually combined into one Statement of Results.

Type of certificate awarded:

Upon successful completion of the EISA, students will be awarded the **Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner** from the QCTO.

Articulation options:

Horizontal articulation

- Further Education and Training Certificate in Early Childhood Development, NQF Level 4

Vertical articulation

- National Certificate in Early Childhood Development, NQF Level 5
- National Diploma in Early Childhood Development, NQF Level 5



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