

CNat Child Development

Exam Board: OCR (Cambridge National – Technical Award)

Aims:

This course is designed for learners aged 14–16 who have an interest in children’s learning and development and wish to develop the skills and learn the theory that can prepare them for further study and employment within the childcare sector.



Structure & Assessment:

Students will be awarded L1 or L2 Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*

There are three units as follows:

- **Unit RO57:** Health and Well-being for Child development. (48 GLH) This unit will be externally assessed through an exam taken at the end of Year 10.
- **Unit RO58:** Understanding the equipment and nutritional needs of children from birth to five years. (36 GLH)
- **Unit RO59:** Understand the development of a child from one to 5 years (36 GLH).

Content:

The units cover the following key elements of child development:

- **Unit RO57:** understanding the roles and responsibilities that come with parenthood, from reproduction to pregnancy, through to the preparation for birth. Students will then focus on the care of a child from birth to five years.
- **Unit RO58:** Learning the importance of creating a safe environment for children and the equipment needed for a child from birth to five years in line with the requirements of a synoptic assessment set by the exam board. Students will also need to demonstrate a clear understanding of the nutritional needs of a child from birth to 12 months and then 1-5 years and undertake a practical task relating to this topic.
- **Unit RO59:** students will understand the physical, intellectual and social development norms from one to five years; the benefits of learning through play; carry out and evaluate different play activities for a chosen developmental area with a child from one to 5 years.

It is very important that students are able to visit or have contact with a child of between 1 and 5 years of age on a regular basis during the course.

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