

SCHOOL/COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY - SESSION 2017/18

Activity/Programme Title	National 4 Early Education & Childcare
Certificated/Non-Certificated	Certificated
Qualification / Level	SQA / SCQF Level 4
Activity Description	<p>The Early Education and Childcare sector is a growth industry across Scotland; this course provides an experiential route for those who wish to progress to further study in Early Education and Childcare Courses.</p> <p>The National 4 Course in Early Education and Childcare offers an entry level for those who have identified the field of early education and childcare as their possible career path.,</p> <p>The aims of this Course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduce pupils to the care, learning and development of children aged 0–12 years • introduce pupils to the factors which impact on the lives of children, their parents and carers • provide basic insight into working in early education and childcare • introduce pupils to the necessity of viewing all aspects of early education and childcare holistically • allow pupils the opportunity to develop skills required for possible employment in the early education and childcare sector, particularly personal/interpersonal, basic communication and practical caring skills
Entry Requirement	Good attendance and a general desire to work with children. Learners should also be working at an appropriate level in other subjects. Learners will be selected after interview by a member of college staff.
Content	<p>This Course consists of four Units which make up the Group Award for National 4 Early Education and Childcare.</p> <p>DM83 10: Child Development DM84 10: Working in Early Education and Childcare DM41 10: Play in Early Education and Childcare DM5V 10: Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Children</p>
Target Year Group	S4-6
Day(s)	Monday and Wednesday Afternoon
Time	1400-1600 hrs
No of Places	20 maximum
Location	Fife College, Halbeath Campus, Dunfermline
Start Date	Wednesday, 7 June 2017
Curriculum Team	Childcare
Curriculum Contact	Jane Carruthers

NATIONAL 4 EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE – Units within the Course and outcomes assessed

DM8310 - Child Development

This Unit is designed to introduce candidates to aspects of child development and the key milestones of development for children aged 0–12 years.

Outcomes -

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of aspects of child development in the age range 0–12 years.
- 2 Investigate one aspect of child development from the age range 0–12 years.
- 3 Evaluate the investigation into an aspect of child development.

DM8410 - Working in Early Education and Childcare

This Unit supports the development of an understanding of different types of provision in the early education and childcare sector and how the sector supports children and families.

Outcomes -

- 1 Contribute to a group investigation into provision in the early education and childcare sector.
- 2 Demonstrate an understanding of the skills, and qualities required to work in the early education and childcare sector.
- 3 Contribute to a group investigation into early education and childcare provision in a specified geographical area

DM4110 - Play in Early Education and Childcare

This Unit allows pupils to develop an elementary understanding of a variety of types of play and how play contributes to the development of the child.

Outcomes -

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of types of play for children aged 0–12 years.
- 2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how play promotes the care, learning and development of children aged 0–12 years.
- 3 Working with others, plan play experiences for children aged 0–12 years.

DM5V10 - Maintenance of a Safe Environment for Children

This Unit enables the development of an awareness of current health and safety legislation related to an early education and childcare environment, with the opportunity to identify potential risks and hazards within settings, to carry out a risk assessment and to demonstrate possible strategies for dealing with these.

Outcomes -

- 1 Demonstrate an awareness of current health and safety legislation which relates to working in an early education and childcare environment.
- 2 Explain potential risks and hazards in an early education and childcare environment for children aged 0–12 years.
- 3 Within a real or simulated context, carry out a risk assessment in an early education and childcare environment.
- 4 Within a real or simulated context, demonstrate strategies for minimising risks in an early education and childcare environment.