

Children's Care, Learning and Development

Student Guide Level 3 BTEC National Award

What is the Level 3 BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development?

The BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development will give an understanding of the underpinning knowledge and practical skills to provide learners with the common core principles of children's care for progression to employment or higher level education. Work experience and links to the workplace form a central part of the programme. There will be an emphasis on employment opportunities, so that you can choose to progress into a specific area of work, and if already in employment, move on to a more responsible job within the sector.

There are five core units (a total of 360 guided learning hours). Due to the size of this course, it is possible to combine it with other vocational or academic qualifications, giving the opportunity for learners to create an individual learning experience, tailored towards particular career aspirations.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

With the international recognition of BTEC courses such as this, you can progress straight into employment. If successful there are a variety of potential careers that you can explore, all of which will benefit from your studies, for example: children's nurse or play therapist.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development has the equivalence of one GCE A Level, and it is possible for you to progress further into higher education, as successful BTEC National qualifications give points on UCAS for university applications.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

The length of the course is dependant on the centre. Normally, it will take one academic year to complete but it can be studied for longer.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 3 BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development are laid down by individual centres. Fundamentally you should have a broad education including, for example, a BTEC First in Children's Care, Learning and Development and/or four GCSEs (graded C or above) and, in addition, the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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