

How will I be assessed?

To achieve the Course award you must successfully complete the 3 mandatory units and one optional unit. Assessment will be based on test and case studies along with project work and a folio.

Each Unit will be supported by a NAB (National Assessment Bank item).

This course will show on your final Exam Certificate as an Intermediate 1 award.

What can I do after this course?

This Course may provide candidates with opportunities to progress to:

- Pre-vocational programmes in a Further Education college
- Early Education and Childcare Course at Intermediate 2
- SGA Intermediate Care (Child Care Options)
- National Certificate in Early Education and Care.

Who should I speak to about this course?

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.

Time to choose?



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**Skills for Work
Early Education & Childcare
Intermediate 1**



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Information for Pupils and Parents

Your school has joined with Aberdeen College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a vocational qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.

What is it?

Early Education and Childcare is a well established industry with a number of qualifications available ranging from National Qualifications and SVQ's to University Degrees. By completing this Course you will be developing important skills which can be used if you want to develop your skills further by undertaking training and qualifications on leaving school, or an opportunity to enter suitable employment.

Skills for Work Early Education and Childcare is a new National Course available in various colleges throughout Scotland. This Course will give you a broad introduction to Early Education and Childcare, which will result in gaining a recognised SQA National Qualification.

What will I learn?

During this Course you will:

- Gain an understanding of the importance of play in working with children
- Gain an insight into child development and its value in working with children
- Develop an awareness of health and safety issues relevant to a range of activities
- Develop your communication skills
- Develop aspects of the Core Skills of Working with Others
- Build technical knowledge and skills in relation to working within the industry
- Develop good practice in maintaining a tidy and safe work environment
- Be prepared for further learning opportunities, study and training opportunities in the area of Early Education and Childcare.

How will I be taught?

You will be taught by means of practical based activities either in the Childcare Unit at school or within Aberdeen College by a College Lecturer. Generally classes will last up to 2½ hours. You will study by means of individual research, group activities, practical activities, viewing videos and through course booklets provided by the College.

You will be expected to demonstrate:

- Good time keeping skills
- A willingness to learn
- Planning and preparation skills
- An ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with others
- Problem solving skills
- An ability to review and identify how your skills are developing.

What will I study?

The Course is made up of the following 6 Units, 4 of which are to be completed

- Child Development
- Play in Early Education and Childcare
- Working in Early Education and Childcare
- Parenting
- Care of Children
- Maintenance of a Safe Environment.

What do I need?

Whilst you are taking part in the course you will be required to always:

- Wear the appropriate clothing
- Be ready to start your class at the given time
- Adhere to the School Pupils Code of Commitment.

Mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. Eating and drinking is not permitted in the classroom. Drinking water is available from water dispensers in the corridors within the College buildings.