

National 5 SfW Early Learning and Childcare (Course Code: C783 75)

SCQF Level 5 (24 Credit Points)

Why study SfW Early Learning and Childcare?

Educating or caring for young children is a very rewarding career. You are in a position to develop and enhance the lives of children and young people, and your enthusiasm will sow seeds which can grow right through life!

Early Learning and Childcare offers good opportunities for students who enjoy:

- working with children
- communicating with others
- organising activities
- using their imagination.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Social, Caring and Advisory Services](#)

[Teaching and Classroom Support](#)

What do I need to get in?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, however you would be expected to have achieved:

- subjects at National 4 including English or
- National 4 SfW Early Learning and Childcare

What will I study?

The course is made up of three compulsory units and one optional unit from a choice of three, each one taking 40 hours of study.

The compulsory units are:

- Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People
- Play in Early Learning and Childcare
- Working in Early Learning and Childcare

The optional units are

- Contemporary Families

- Care and Feeding of Children and Young People
- Introduction to Basic First Aid
- Children and Young People: Rights and Protection

You will learn about:

- looking after children
- different types of play and the importance of play
- health and safety legislation
- the practical application of first aid
- the role of the parent
- feeding babies and children and the importance of a balanced diet.

Where will I take the course?

You will usually train at a local college. Training sessions will take place for a set number of hours and weeks during term time.

Work experience/placements

You may be able to arrange a related work experience placement by speaking to your pastoral care or guidance.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment in this Course will be based on a range of practical workshop activities, supported by assessor observation checklists and candidate self-checking of quality.

In the Employability Skills Unit, candidates will carry out self-evaluation on a range of skills, review their progress and identify action points.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

You may be able to progress to:

Employment /Training

- A Modern Apprenticeship leading to a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) at SCQF Level 7 in Social Services (Children and Young People).

Further/Higher Education

- A one year full time NC in Childhood Practice at college.

Further study, training or employment in:

- Childcare and Education
- Social, Caring and Advisory Services
- Teaching and Classroom Support