# Higher Childcare and Development (Course Code: C814 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 Credit Points)

## Why study Childcare and Development?

The childcare and development sector is a growth industry across Scotland, partly due to the increasing number of working parents. It has become ever more important that those working in the sector have appropriate qualifications and opportunities for professional development.

In this course you will develop an understanding of child development and the roles and responsibilities of practitioners, other professionals and parents/carers in meeting the needs of children from pre-birth to 16. You will learn how to: explain the holistic needs of a child; analyse, evaluate and present information; research and investigate and apply knowledge and understanding to childhood practice.

Childcare and Development is therefore an extremely useful course for a variety of career paths, particularly those which involve working with children, and makes a valuable contribution to your general education and personal development.

**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

Teaching and Classroom Support

## What do I need to get in?

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

- **Literacy or Numeracy Unit (National 5)**
- **National 5 SfW Early Learning and Childcare**
- **National 5 Care**

## What will I study?

The course consists of **three** areas of study.

**Child development**

You will:

- investigate child development from pre-birth to 16
- develop an understanding of the holistic needs of children and young people and explore how these needs interrelate

- evaluate methods for assessing the development of children
- identify and analyse factors that influence child development.

**Child development: theory**

You will:

- develop an understanding of theories of development
- analyse these in relation to working with children and young people.

**Services for children and young people**

You will:

- explore current services and the role of professionals and others working in partnership to support the development of children and young people
- develop an understanding of the ways in which legislation influences professional working relationships
- analyse initiatives and strategies used to inform current practice.

## How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **two** components **totalling 130 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper – worth 40 marks (consisting of --3ections: section 1 - Child development, worth 15 marks, section 2 - Child development: theory, worth 10 marks and section 3 - Services for children and young people, worth 15 marks)
- Component 2: assignment – worth 90 marks.

For the assignment component, you will choose a brief for which you will investigate the needs of a child or young person and the range of ways in which the professional and others can meet those needs, and present your findings in a report.

Both the question paper and the assignment are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

## Study Materials

- SQA Past Paper Childcare and Development Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper Childcare and Development Higher
- SQA Understanding Standards Childcare and Development
- Ushare Study Resources

## What can I go on to next?

Further study, training or employment in:

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