POST-16 CAREER PROGRESSION MAP – CHILDCARE

This progression map details the learning opportunities and possible future employment routes within the childcare sector.

VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

On completion of your qualification, you can progress to a higher level qualification, an apprenticeship or into employment.

- BTEC First
  - Children's Play, Learning and Development
    - Typically 1 year
- BTEC Tech Award
  - Child Development
    - Typically 1 year

APPRENTICESHIPS

On completion of your apprenticeship, you will have the skills, knowledge and experience for employment in your chosen job role.

- Early Years Practitioner
  - Typically 12 months
- Early Years Educator
  - Typically 18 months
- BTEC National
  - Children’s Play, Learning and Development
    - Typically 2 years
- BTEC Professional
  - Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (England)
    - Typically 2 years
  - Competence-based
    - Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People’s Service (England)
      - Typically 2 years
- BTEC Higher National
  - Early Childhood Education and Care
    - Typically 1 or 2 years

POSSIBLE ROLES INCLUDE:

- Early years practitioner, Early years educator, Childminder, Early years lead practitioner, Children, Young people and families practitioner, Advanced Practitioner in nursery and pre-school settings, Playgroup Leader, Trainee Teacher/Classroom Assistant, Manager/Deputy Manager in nursery and pre-school settings

EMPLOYMENT

On completion of your qualification, you can progress to a higher level qualification, an apprenticeship or into employment.

- Children, Young People and Families Practitioner
  - Typically 24 months
- Early Years Lead Practitioner
  - Typically 12 months

Possible Degree Routes

- BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies
- BA (Hons) in Early Education and Care
- BA/BSc (Hons) in Child Psychology
- BA (Hons) in Child and Family Studies
- BA/BSc (Hons) Child Health and Wellbeing
- BA (Hons) in Child and Youth Studies
- BA (Hons) in Primary Education

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