

STEM: CHILD DEVELOPMENT



This Level 2 Technical Award is designed for learners aged 14 – 16 who have an interest in children’s learning and development and wish to develop the skills and learn the theory that can prepare them for further study and employment within the childcare sector. It will particularly appeal to learners who are looking for a course that is practical in nature.

The National Award will give learners the opportunity to study children aged 0 to 10 years, developing an understanding of:

- growth and development
- communication and language development
- learning and play
- education provision [until the end of KS2]
- child health and safety
- the role of professionals and voluntary organisations

Assessment:

There are three mandatory units [one externally assessed and two internally assessed], spread across 120 guided learning hours.

Unit 1: Research task [internally assessed]

Unit 2: Child study [internally assessed]

Unit 3: Development of the child from pre-conception to 10 years old [externally assessed]

Where could the National Award in Child Development lead?

The course will provide learners with a solid understanding of children’s learning and development that will help them to make choices about further study and career options. They will finish the course having developed a wide range of practical skills, some of which are particularly helpful for a career in the childcare sector such as observing, communicating and working with children and other skills which will be valuable no matter what career path they choose. These include skills in research, communication, decision-making and problem-solving.