



### Why BTEC in CLPD?

“BTEC courses give you real, hands-on experience. It’s what I call ‘learning by doing’ and gives you the skills today’s employers are looking for.” *Peter Jones CBE, Entrepreneur*

4 out of 5 BTEC students go on to receive a First or Second class degree

(The outcomes associated with the BTEC route of degree level acquisition, London Economics 2013)

37% of businesses prefer recruits to hold a mix of academic and vocational qualifications or value them equally

(Inspiring Growth: Pearson/Skills)



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## Trinity Sixth



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## Children’s Play, Learning & Development

**Pearson**  
BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate



## What is the level of course I will take?

BTEC Level 3 Nationals Children's Play, Learning and Development - Extended Certificate (equivalent to **one** A Level)

## How will I be assessed?

### Assignments (internally assessed)

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Assignments are practical tasks set in work-related scenarios that can be tailored to local industry needs for your learners. Learners demonstrate how they apply knowledge and skills to complete a practical project over a period of time, working individually or in groups.

### Tasks (externally assessed)

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Tasks are practical work-related scenarios completed in realistic, time-based situations. They are completed in controlled conditions and some tasks have pre-released information. Learners demonstrate how to apply learning to common workplace or HE scenarios. Tasks provide evidence of a consistent standard of assessment for all BTEC learners.

### Written Exams (externally assessed)

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For written exams, learners draw on essential information to create written answers to practical questions in exam conditions. Learners demonstrate they can apply appropriate knowledge to a work-related challenge in timed conditions.

## How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

This course provides a broad basis of study of the early years sector. This qualification is designed to support progression to Higher education, Apprenticeships or employment.

Higher education degree courses available will depend on the other subjects chosen, but for students interested in a course linked to the sector the following are possibilities:

- BSc (Hons) in Paediatric Nursing, when taken alongside, for example, Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Science and A level Psychology
- BA (Hons) in Childhood Studies, when taken alongside, for example, A levels in English and Psychology
- BA (Hons) in Primary Education, when taken alongside, for example, A levels in English Literature and History.

Employment as an Early Years Practitioner or Nursery Nurse.

## Course Content

Learners will complete 50 hours' work experience in the sector.

Learners taking this qualification will study three mandatory units which cover the following topics:

- **children's development**—*The principles of growth and development and how they are applied from birth up to seven years 11 months; Physical development from birth up to seven years 11 months; Cognition, language and communication development; Theories of social and emotional development*
- **communication and numeracy**—*Stages of speech, communication and language development and its link to overall domains of development; Supporting children's literacy and numeracy skills through speech, communication and language development; Approaches to the varied needs of individual children;*
- **play and learning**— *Examine types of play and learning activities and the benefits for children's learning and development; Theoretical perspectives to learning and development; Demonstrate skills required by early years professionals to support children's purposeful play and learning opportunities.*

Learners are able to select **one** optional unit, which will support their progression to specialised degree programmes in the sector, and covers areas such as:

- physical development, care and health needs
- keeping children safe
- The Early Years Foundation Stage

## Further Information

BTEC Extended certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development helps learners develop:

- **cognitive and problem-solving skills:** use critical thinking, approach non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, use systems and technology
- **intrapersonal skills:** communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- **interpersonal skills:** self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development
- the ability to learn independently
- the ability to research actively and methodically
- being able to give presentations and being active group members
- the ability to develop transferable skills such as teamwork and communication.