



Overview

The Child Development curriculum at Salford City Academy is highly ambitious, engaging and inspiring, following the NCFE Key Stage 4 curriculum. We intend to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to work with children, support the development of children, know how to keep them safe, and promote their development. The curriculum is designed to develop students' curiosity about the early years sector. We aim to offer breadth and depth of study, incorporating a key core of knowledge and provide opportunities to acquire a number of practical and technical skills.

Autumn

8. The importance of observations in early years childcare

- 8.1 Observation and recording methods
 - 8.1.1 How observations support child development
 - 8.1.2 Objective and subjective observation
 - 8.1.3 Components of recording observations
 - 8.1.4 Different methods of observation
 - 8.1.5 Sharing observations

9. Planning in early years childcare

- 9.1 The purpose of a child-centred approach
- 9.2 The purpose of the planning cycle
- 9.3 The planning cycle

Assessment:

Students will complete a checkpoint assessment after each content area is completed.

Mock 1 Past Paper

Spring

NEA

Students will complete a mock Non-Exam Assessment which will prepare them for beginning their actual NEA towards the end of the Autumn term.

Students will have 15 hours to complete the Assessment.

Assessment

Completion of Non-Exam Assessment (NEA).

Mock 2 Past Paper

Spring

Revision

1. Child development
2. Factors that influence the child's development
3. Care routines, play and activities to support the child
4. Early years provision
5. Legislation, policies and procedures in the early years
6. Expectations of the early years practitioner
7. Roles and responsibilities within early years settings
8. The importance of observations in early years childcare
9. Planning in early years childcare

Assessment

External examination.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

[Childcare - Essential Skills Communication \(Levels 1 and 2\) - BBC Bitesize](#)

[BBC Two - Bitesize Secondary, Society Health & Development, Child Development - Clips](#)

Homework:

Week 1. Exam style questions and knowledge quizzes set via MS Forms.

Week 2. Booklet work to consolidate knowledge and understanding.