

### *Culture Vulture Recommendations*



Both qualifications prepare learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5-7 years. Upon successful completion of the course you will gain a licence to practice.

Although the courses differ they both are made up of knowledge units and also 1 professional practice portfolio which will allow you to link your classroom based theory into practice.

You will be required to undertake significant periods of work placement which will be assessed to develop your competence when caring for and interacting with babies and young children.

Placement hours will be required within the following 3 age ranges:

- 0 -1 year 11 months
- 2 -2 years 11 months
- 3 -5 years

Through the links below you will find an insight to different aspects of the Childcare courses to give you a real taste of the subject.

The following video will give you an exciting insight into what it is like to work in a nursery.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XmXILNFtOE>

At the start of the course we will begin by looking at development from conception to birth and then through to 7 years of age. The following link will show you the development stages from conception to birth.

<https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/pregnancy/week-by-week/>

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Children will experience lots of transitions throughout their life, these will be planned transitions and unplanned transitions, we will investigate these throughout the course. Watch the following video clip which shows Adam arriving at nursery.

<https://www.sirenfilms.co.uk/library/adam-transitions/>

Consider the following while you watch it, what did the nursery staff do to help Adam and his mother? What type of transition is this and can you think of any others?

One of the most important aspects of the course is to understand a document called the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), and alongside this you will use the Development Matters document.

This is what all Early Years settings within England follow to support the development of children aged 0-5 years.

Here is a link to the document.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/596629/EYFS\\_STATUTORY\\_FRAMEWORK\\_2017.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/596629/EYFS_STATUTORY_FRAMEWORK_2017.pdf)

Watch the following clip and list down all the different development areas that you can see and then see if you can link it back into the EYFS. You may want to watch it a couple of times as I am sure you will miss a few at during your first watch.

<https://www.sirenfilms.co.uk/library/introduction-to-the-importance-of-the-outdoors/>

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So that was an insight into some aspects of the course, but you may also be thinking about you could go on to achieve after the course?

Here is a link to give you some ideas:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vu75KbHfbAiwAlI60n9AC3tzENwsoD1I>