

Child Care and Education

QF Level: 3 QR Registration No.: 16/000097/L3 Registration Validity Period: 26/01/2016 To 31/08/2021

Course Features

Course Aims

This course is designed to arouse the interest of senior secondary students in early childhood education. Students are equipped with a basic understanding of the developmental characteristics of children aged 0-6, the basic skills in taking care of children and designing play activities for children as well as the core value and services of early childhood education in Hong Kong. Through experiential learning in authentic early childhood education settings, students are given opportunities to develop creativity, communication skills and team spirit, cultivate positive values and attitudes, and explore interests and potentials in early childhood education.

Learning Modules

1. Child Development (30 hours)

- Basic understanding of child development
- Factors affecting children's development
- Stages and characteristics of children's development
- Children with diverse learning needs

2. Introduction to Early Childhood Education (24 hours)

- Importance, nature and functions of early childhood education and services
- Features of a quality early childhood curriculum
- Current issues of early childhood education in Hong Kong
- Community-based family services in Hong Kong

3. Health Care for Young Children (15 hours)

- Personal hygiene and nutrition for young children
- Prevention of common communicable diseases and accidents

Diversified Learning and Teaching Activities

There will be lectures with demonstrations, role plays, group discussions, presentations, workshops, outdoor learning, visits to early childhood settings and workplace experience, etc.

Professional Recognition

Students will obtain a Qualifications Framework (QF) Level 3 certificate in addition to HKDSE qualification upon successful completion of the course.

4. Learning through Play (54 hours)

- Play and children's development
- Key elements of play
- Basic principles in planning and implementing play activities
- Elective topics (choose only one)
 - ◆ Creative arts
 - ◆ Storytelling and nursery rhymes
 - ◆ Physical activity and music

5. Experiential Learning Programme (30 hours)

- Core values and missions of early childhood education and services
- Design of early childhood institutions
- Interacting with children
- Designing, implementing and evaluating play activities

6. Life and Career Planning for Being an Early Childhood Educator (27 hours)

- Understanding of personal qualities
- Generic attributes expected in workplace
- Attitudes, values and work ethics of an early childhood educator
- Career development in early childhood education



Ms. Chow Wai-chun, Chairperson of Hong Kong Early Childhood Educators Association

"Child education plays a crucial role in children's whole-person development, therefore well-trained and qualified early childhood educators are essential. This ApL course fosters students' development of fundamental knowledge and skills in child care and education as well as the skills in designing play activities for young children, and most importantly cultivates in students the core value of child education. This course provides the opportunities for students to explore their career aspirations and orientation for life-long learning in the child education field."

Articulation Pathways

Further Studies

Courses related to early childhood education, special child care education, inclusive education, primary education, and social work, etc. For example, the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) offers:

- Higher Diploma in Child Care and Education
- Higher Diploma in Special Child Care and Inclusive Education

Graduates of the Higher Diploma programmes may apply for admission to top-up degree programmes offered by local and overseas universities.

Employment

Careers related to early childhood education such as teaching assistants, playgroup assistants, etc.



Class Arrangement

Mode 1

(Lessons will also be scheduled during summer vacation)

Every Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 OR

Every Saturday 13:30 – 16:30

Venue:

- IVE (Shatin)
21 Yuen Wo Road, Shatin, N.T.

Remark: Final class venue / time may be subject to change with respect to the confirmed number of enrolment and other special circumstances.

Mode 2

Subject to mutual agreement between the school and the VTC.

Selection Arrangement

Students are required to attend a group interview. Selection is based on student's interest in child care, learning attitude, communication and presentation skills.

Course Fee

\$14,110 (Course fee is fully subsidised by the EDB.)