

# Child Care and Education



QF Level: 3 QR Registration No.: 16/00097/L3 Registration Validity Period: 26/01/2016 - 31/08/2026

## 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, 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 proper values and attitudes, and explore interests and potentials in early childhood education.

### 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.



## 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

### 4. Learning through Play (54 hours)

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



## Mr Yan Ho On, Chairperson of Hong Kong Early Childhood Educators Association



"Child education plays a crucial role in children's whole-person development. Well-trained and qualified early childhood educators are the great asset in the child education field. This ApL course fosters students' development of fundamental knowledge and skills in Edu-Care, teaching professionalism, the skills in designing play activities for young children, and knowledge of current trend and development of early childhood education. Most importantly, it 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.

\*Students who have successfully completed this ApL course and meet the exemption criteria of the related VTC programme are eligible for a 26-hour module exemption.

### Employment

Upon completion of applied learning course (Child Care and Education), graduates can work as teaching assistants and playgroup assistants, or careers related to early childhood education.

Upon completion of higher diploma programmes (early childhood education related), graduates can work as child care centre supervisors, kindergarten teachers, child care workers, special child care workers, or careers related to early childhood education.



## Class Arrangement

### Mode 1

(Lessons will also be scheduled during mid-June and July.)

Every Saturday 09:00 – 12:00 OR  
Every Saturday 13:30 – 16:30

### Venue

IVE (Sha Tin)  
21 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin, N.T.

### Enquiry

(852) 2256 7433

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 or an online interview/ assessment. Selection is based on student's interest in child care, learning attitude, communication and presentation skills.

### Course Fee

\$15,100 (Course fee is fully subsidised by the EDB.)