



Tameside College

Early Years

Applicant Study Pack

Description of course:

This course is for learners who would like to work with children up to the age of five. You will learn to support physical care routines, safeguarding and legislations, equality and diversity and supporting play and development. The knowledge and skills you learn will enable you to progress to a higher level qualification or into a wide range of job roles.

As part of your course at level 2 and level 3, you will be undertaking a work placement, these are really important skills the setting will want you to possess.

For your work placements you are required to have a disclosure and barring service check (DBS); this allows you to access the work experience that is required to develop your skill set within early years. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain a real life insight into early year settings. Alongside the course, you will also attend visits and trips to support and enhance your classroom delivery.

Task One

Communication plays a large part in the workplace, but even more so where people are being cared for. Having good communication skills will help build up good professional relationships with service users, colleagues and other professionals. It will make your working environment easier to cope with too. It is important to understand that there are many ways to communicate in these settings.

Q1. How many forms of communication can you come up with and can you give examples?

Q2. When might you use these in a health and social care or early years setting?

Q3. Describe what formal and informal communication is.

Task Two

Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them.

Define play

Identify play within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Describe 3 play activities that would be ideal for a group of infants to encourage them to share.

Further Reading / Links

The EYFS:

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>

What is an Early Years Practitioner?

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/job-profiles/early-years-practitioner>

Recommended documentaries:

Planet Child (ITV)

Babies: Their wonderful world (BBC 2)

Super Nanny (YouTube)

One born every minute (YouTube)

What next?

- Visit our website – www.tameside.ac.uk for more information.
- Attend our New Students' Day.
- Make it official, join us for enrolment in August. Letters will be sent to all applicants at the end of July with more details.