LEVEL 4 FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING CERTIFICATE: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT
Gardens Campus

Introduction
This is an entry-level qualification for those who want to study in the field of Education, Training and Development, within the sub-field of Early Childhood Development (ECD). Many students who study this qualification are already practising within the field, but do not have formal recognition. This qualification will enable you to facilitate the total development of young children in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of the child. It will also equip you to provide quality early childhood development services to children in a variety of contexts, including community-based services, ECD centres, at home and in institutions. Recipients of this qualification will be able to:
• Plan and prepare for Early Childhood Development.
• Facilitate and monitor the development of babies, toddlers and young children.
• Provide care and support to babies, toddlers and young children.

This qualification provides formal recognition for those who are already practising in the field without a qualification, as well as for those who wish to enter the field. This qualification will also provide a basis for further professional development in the higher education and training band for many experienced practitioners in the field who have had limited or difficult access to further career development opportunities.

Career Options
What will I be qualified as once I’ve completed this course?
• Au Pair
• Early Childhood Development (ECD) Practitioner
• Grade R Assistant
• Play Group Practitioner

What will I be able to do?
• Assist Grade R teachers in the classroom environment
• Manage and be an educator to a play group
• Take care of children as an Au Pair
• Educate children at an Early Childhood Development centre

In which industries will I be able to work?
• Early Childhood Development/Day Care Centres
• Private sector
• Play groups
• Schools that offer Grade R education
• Au Pair

What could I do to further improve my skills and my chances of furthering my career?
Achieving this qualification will enable you to continue studying towards a Level 5 qualification in ECD, or in another teaching-related field of study.

Programme Structure
What will I be studying during this course?
The course is offered as a full-time over a minimum period of 18 months. The unit standards consist of 3 compulsory fundamental subjects, 8 compulsory core subjects and 4 elective subjects, as selected by the college.

Fundamental Unit Standards (Compulsory)
• Mathematical Literacy
• Kommunikasie Geletterdheid/Xhosa Literacy (Choose one of these)
Core Unit Standards (Compulsory)
• Prepare resources and set up the environment to support the development of babies, toddlers and young children.
• Work with families and communities to support ECD.
• Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the development of babies, toddlers and young children.
• Facilitate the holistic development of babies, toddlers and young children.
• Observe and report on child development.
• Design activities to support the development of babies, toddlers and young children.
• Prepare early childhood development programmes with support.

Elective Unit Standards
• Conduct a structured meeting.
• Develop learning programmes to enhance participation of learners with special needs.
• Support children and adults living with HIV/AIDS in ECD settings.
• Describe how to manage reactions arising from a traumatic event.

Admission Requirements
To apply to study this course you must have:
• Grade 10 or a higher qualification
• Grade 9 and pass PACE assessments (numeracy and literacy)

Duration
18 months full-time (intake in January). (Part-time - Not available)