



Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner

About This Programme

This qualification prepares learners to operate as Early Childhood Development (ECD) Practitioners in center-based and non-center-based settings. With the growing demand for quality early learning services across South Africa, this qualification opens the door to a meaningful career shaping young lives.

Studying This Course May Be a Good Option If

- You want to pursue a career as a playschool teacher, day care administrator, or day care manager.
- You want to start and run your own ECD center.

Upon Completion, You Should Be Able To

- Plan and prepare stimulating learning environments and activities for children.
- Facilitate and mediate learning in ECD settings.
- Observe, assess and record each child's developmental progress.
- Compile developmental progress reports.
- Promote children's health, nutrition, safety, protection and well-being.

Accreditation & Duration

Accreditation

- Accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)
- SAQA ID: 97542
- NQF Level 4
- 131 Credits

Duration & Mode

- 12 Months
- Blended learning
- Category: Education, Training and Development

Entry Requirements

- National Certificate Vocational (NCV) at NQF Level 3, OR
- Any other NQF Level 3 qualification (Grade 12 / Matric or equivalent).



Qualification Structure

The qualification is made up of three interlinked components, combining theory, practical skill-building, and real workplace experience totaling 131 credits.

Knowledge Modules (43 credits)

- 234201000-KM-01, Introduction to the early childhood development sector, at NQF Level 4, 4 Credits.
- 234201000-KM-02, Theories and Perspectives of Child Development, at NQF Level 5, 6 Credits.
- 234201000-KM-03, Planning and Programme Development in early childhood settings, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- 234201000-KM-04, Facilitation and mediation of active learning, at NQF Level 5, 12 Credits.
- 234201000-KM-05, Observation and assessment in early childhood development, at NQF Level 4, 4 Credits.
- 234201000-KM-06, Promotion of health, safety and well-being of children, at NQF Level 4, 6 Credits.
- KM-07, Administration for early childhood development services and programmes, at NQF Level 3, 3 Credits.

Practical Skill Modules (43 credits)

- 234201000-PM-01, Plan and prepare inclusive educational activities and routines using an approved Programme based on the curriculum framework, at NQF Level 4, 12 Credits.
- 234201000-PM-02, Facilitate and mediate active learning in an integrated and holistic learning Programme, at NQF Level 5, 9 Credits.
- 234201000-PM-03, Observe, assess, record and report each child's progress according to the age and stage, at NQF Level 4, 4 Credits.
- 234201000-PM-04, Support and promote the health, nutrition, safety, protection and well-being of children, at NQF Level 4, 12 Credits.
- 234201000-PM-05, Build and maintain collaborative relationships with parents and other service providers, at NQF Level 4, 3 Credits.
- 234201000-PM-06, Prepare and maintain administrative systems, at NQF Level 3, 3 Credits.

Work Experience Modules (45 credits)

- 234201000-WM-01, Learning Programme and routines planning and preparation process, at NQF Level 4, 13 Credits.
- 234201000-WM-02, Processes of facilitating and mediating the learning Programme in a variety of contexts, at NQF Level 4, 15 Credits.
- 234201000-WM-03, Processes of observation, assessment, recording and reporting on children's learning and development, at NQF Level 4, 7 Credits.
- 234201000-WM-04, Processes and procedures of promoting the health, nutrition, safety, protection and well-being of children in an early childhood development setting, at NQF Level 4, 10 Credits.



Certification

On successful completion of all modules and the QCTO-administered External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA), learners are awarded the Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner.

Who Is This For?

- Aspiring playschool teachers, ECD center administrators and managers.
- Entrepreneurs looking to start their own early childhood development center.
- Caregivers and practitioners seeking a nationally recognized qualification.

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