

AAQ Early Childhood Development



Course Overview and Welcome

Welcome to the AAQ Early Childhood Development course at Atomix Educational Trust. This course will develop your knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare you for progression to undergraduate study and are relevant to early childhood development, within the broader education and early years sector.

Why Study This Subject?

You might be interested in this qualification if you want to learn key knowledge and understanding in the subject and apply what you learn to practical, real-life contexts in early childhood development. This is a level 3 course equivalent to one A level in size. Understanding children's development and safeguarding gives students a good foundation for transition to degrees such as nursing, teaching, and social work. Through the work placement in this qualification, students develop professional practice and interpersonal skills as well as resilience, which will help them to better cope with the demands of the placement in many of these degree courses. In addition, transferable skills such as critical thinking and research are important for academic success.

Who This Course Is Perfect For

This course suits you if you are passionate the children's care and education sector (0-8 years).

Please be aware that the specification and assessments may contain upsetting or sensitive topics which are related to the subject.

What You Will Study in Your First Year

First year includes an examined unit in children's development from birth up to eight years, including the theories, principles and factors relating to development, and the potential impact of a range of factors on a child's progress through the developmental milestones. There is also a coursework unit on keeping children safe covering health and safety and safeguarding responsibilities of an individual working in an early years setting; emergency best practices and when to address concerns about a child's welfare.

What You Will Study in Your Second Year

In the second year you will complete an examined unit on play and learning covering the concept of play, the influence of theories and approaches to play, and the benefits of play and learning activities for children. The final unit is another coursework unit called Research and Reflective Practice. You will study the influence of research findings on policy and provision for children and how this influences the behaviours and expectations of an individual working in an early years setting.

Beyond the Classroom

You'll have the opportunity to complete work experience in the sector and hear from guest speakers working in the education and early years sector.

Getting the Most from Your Year

Stay organised with the use your progress tracker, seek feedback, and engage with all lessons and activities. Make use of our study resources, group revision sessions, and online resources and textbooks,

What Makes Our Course Special at Atomix Educational Trust

Our teachers have lots of experience and passion for this subject. We have great resources and work closely with local health and social care services. You'll get lots of practical experience and real-world learning.



COURSE INFORMATION



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