

# N5 Early Education & Childcare

## Course Descriptor:

This course offers an experiential route into childcare. It looks at broad links between the care, learning and development of children aged 0-12 years. It provides an insight into working in early education and childcare. During the course you will have the opportunity to care for a 'virtual' baby within your own home. Pupils will be expected to give in class presentations to their peers as part of the general course work and assessments. This is a skill worth developing well prior to going to college or university.

There are 3 mandatory units and one optional unit as part of this course:

**Mandatory:** Development and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

**Mandatory:** Play in Early Learning and Childcare

**Mandatory:** Working in Early Learning and Childcare

## Optional unit to be decided from:

Contemporary Families | Introduction to Basic First Aid | Care and Feeding of Children and Young People

**Assessment Details:** The course will be assessed through unit assessment and practical tasks. Some units require pupils to observe children in learning environments that will take place at local nurseries or primaries. Assessments are presentations in class supported by a folio of work as well as written closed book assessments.

**Next Steps:** Passing the National 5 course can lead to Childcare and Development @ SCQF level 6 or a selection of Perth College (UHI) courses which can be found at : <https://www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/subject-areas/early-education-and-childcare/courses/>

Looking across the faculty this course works alongside those studying Health and Food Technology and Practical Cookery at Level 5 and Level 6.

**Senior  
Phase**

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