OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE - EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PRACTITIONER NQF LEVEL 4

2027 PROSPECTUS



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Qualification Details

Qualification Title	**Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner**
NQF Level	**4**
SAQA ID	**97542**
Credits	**131**

Purpose of the Qualification



The purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to operate as an Early Childhood Development Practitioner.

An Early Childhood Development Practitioner plans and prepares early childhood activities, facilitates and mediates learning, observes and assesses the progress of children, and reflects on learning in an inclusive, play-based environment to support holistic development of children (from conception - school going) in different centre-based or non-centre based settings.

Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements:

National Certificate Vocational (NCV) at NQF Level 3.
Or
Any other NQF Level 3 qualification (Grade 11).



Learning Outcomes:



- **Plan and prepare broad-phase learning environment and stimulating activities that meet the holistic needs of all children in centre-based or non-centre-based settings.**
- **Facilitate and mediate all aspects of the daily programme in a centre-based or non-centre based setting.**
- **Observe, assess and record each child's progress.**
- **Compile a report of each child's progress.**
- **Maintain and promote the well-being, health, nutrition, safety and protection of children.**

Qualification Breakdown

This qualification is made up of the following compulsory Knowledge Modules, Practical Skill Modules and Work Experience Modules with a total of 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.

234201000-KM-07
Administration for early childhood development services and programmes, at NQF Level 3, 3 Credits.

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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.

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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

Assessment and Certification:

Assessment is done through a formal portfolio of evidence as well as an External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA). An external integrated summative assessment, conducted through the relevant Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) Assessment Quality Partner is required for the issuing of your certificate. The external integrated summative assessment will focus on the Exit Level Outcomes and Associated Assessment Criteria.

Upon successful completion of your external summative assessment, the QCTO will issue your certificate.

Duration and Fees

Duration:

18 to 24 Months Part Time

Cash Price: R20 286.00 members Cash Price: R22 540.00 non-member

Association Member Schools	
Application Fee	R500.00
Monthly Fee - Option 1	R882.00 x 24 months (debit order)
Option 2	R690.00 x 36 months (debit order)

Non-Association Member Schools	
Application Fee	R500.00
Monthly Fee - Option 1	R980.00 x 24 months (debit order)
Option 2	R770.00 x 36 months (debit order)

***External exam fee,**
exam center dependent*

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