

Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner

Key Features:

- **SAQA ID: 97542**
- **Credits: 131**
- **NQF Level: 04**

EXIT LEVEL 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.**

This qualification equips learners to work as Early Childhood Development Practitioners. They will plan and prepare activities, facilitate learning, assess children's progress, and ensure a nurturing, play-based environment that supports holistic development for children from conception to school age in various settings.

Rationale:

Developed to address the critical demand for competent practitioners in the early childhood development sector, this qualification enhances employment opportunities within the Department of Basic Education and offers pathways for establishing early childhood centers. It aims to ensure that all children receive high-quality education and care, forming a solid foundation for future growth.

Career Path:

The qualification provides a recognized entry-level credential for individuals looking to start or advance their careers in early childhood development, benefiting both employed and school leavers.

Articulation Options:

Horizontal: Further Education and Training Certificate in Early Childhood Development, NQF Level 4.

Vertical: Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Development, NQF Level 5.

