

## Childcare - Take 5 for Play

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### *Specific class details*

This course is a 15-hour course. You will also be expected to carry out 10 hours of play work practice in play settings that your tutor will help you to organise.

### *Who is this course for?*

This programme and qualification is for people who want to find out more about play work with children from 4 to 16 years and to decide whether a career in childcare / play work is right for them. For example, working in day care, breakfast clubs, after-school clubs, play schemes, play centres and children's centres.

### *What will I learn?*

This course will:

- Provide you with the information required by the Daycare Standards for a comprehensive induction to play work.
- Provide you with an understanding of children and play, the roles and responsibilities of a play worker, how to build relationships with children and finally how to keep children safe.
- Provides you with an opportunity to start to explore the assumptions and values of play work.
- Enables you to develop confidence in working with children aged 4 to 16 in a play work setting.
- Provides opportunities for you to gain practical play work experience.
- Supplies you with information on further training in play work and job opportunities.

### *How will I learn?*

There are lots of practical activities and games for you to join in with! You will be asked to contribute your ideas and experiences, and to start making connections between your learning and your play work practice.

To help you do this you will carry out 10 hours of play work practice in play settings and you will be asked to keep a short diary on this. The diary will help you become more reflective and think more about your role.

Your training provider has signed up to the SkillsActive Code of Practice and you will have a play work tutor so issues of Equality of Opportunity are carefully considered and acted upon.

### *How long is the course?*

You have to attend and actively participate in 80% of sessions, that is 12.5 out of the 15 hours. You may also be offered additional tutorial time to talk to your tutor about your progress and experience of play work practice.

### *How much does it cost?*

To be confirmed.

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### ***Are there any entry requirements?***

You need no experience of play work before joining this course and your tutor will also be able to help if you have any learning needs. It is an ideal stepping-stone from the orientation course 'Making Choices'.

### ***Can I get extra help?***

Support with English and maths is available through our network of literacy and numeracy workshops, along with general study skills support through our Study Skills Workshops. If you feel you may need extra help because you are disabled or have a learning disability, please discuss this with the centre organiser before the start of the course; more information is available in our disability statement.

### ***How will my work be assessed?***

You will receive regular feedback on your progress from the tutor throughout the course.

To receive the full certificate you will need to produce a portfolio (folder) which:

- includes a completed health and safety home task;
- demonstrates an increased knowledge of the assumptions and values of play work.

### ***Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA)***

All ACES programmes work to the RARPA quality standard. This means that your tutor will: (1) set clear programme aims; (2) find out what you already know and what you want to achieve; (3) work with you to agree learning outcomes for you; (4) assess your progress during the course and give you feedback on this; (5) assess your achievement with you at the end of the course. Your tutor will explain this more fully during the course.

### ***Is there anything else I need to know about this course?***

If you work with children and young people you are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and you will need to complete a Criminal Record Bureau Check when you start work.

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