



## Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner [NQF Level 4] Qualification Structure and Delivery Framework

### Specific Outcomes:

At the completion of this qualification, learners will be expected to be able, in either a centre-based or non-centre-based setting, to

- Plan and prepare inclusive activities to support the holistic development and well-being of children
- Facilitate and mediate appropriate holistic learning of every child
- Observe, assess and record each child's progress according to the age and stage
- Develop reports of children's development and learning
- Promote the well-being, health, safety and protection of children.

The Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner consists of:

#### *Knowledge modules*

Learners will be required to complete the following 7 Knowledge Modules.

- **KM-01**, Introduction to the early childhood development sector, at NQF Level 4, 4 Credits.
- **KM-02**, Theories and Perspectives of Child Development, at NQF Level 5, 6 Credits.
- **KM-03**, Planning and Programme Development in early childhood settings, at NQF Level 4, 8 Credits.
- **KM-04**, Facilitation and mediation of active learning, at NQF Level 5, 12 Credits.
- **KM-05**, Observation and assessment in early childhood development, at NQF Level 4, 4 Credits.
- **KM-06**, Promotion of health, safety and well-being of children, at NQF Level 4, 6 Credits.
- **KM-07**, Administration for early childhood development services and programmes, at NQF Level 3, 3 Credits.

#### *Practical Skills Modules*

Learners will be required to complete the following 6 Practical Skills Modules

- **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.
- **PM-02**, Facilitate and mediate active learning in an integrated and holistic learning programme, at NQF Level 5, 9 Credits.
- **PM-03**, Observe, assess, record and report each child's progress according to the age and stage, at NQF Level 4, 4 Credits.

- **PM-04**, Support and promote the health, nutrition, safety, protection and well-being of children, at NQF Level 4, 12 Credits.
- **PM-05**, Build and maintain collaborative relationships with parents and other service providers, at NQF Level 4, 3 Credits.
- **PM-06**, Prepare and maintain administrative systems, at NQF Level 3, 3 Credits.

### *Workplace Component*

In addition to the Knowledge and Practical Skills Modules, learners will be required to complete 4 Work Experience Modules at an ECD site. These modules will be undertaken under the guidance of a Supervisor/Mentor and/or Assessor. A signed Statement of Work Experience covering the following four Modules will be required:

- **WM-01**, Learning programme and routines planning and preparation process, at NQF Level 4, 13 Credits.
- **WM-02**, Processes of facilitating and mediating the learning programme in a variety of contexts, at NQF Level 4, 15 Credits.
- **WM-03**, Processes of observation, assessment, recording and reporting on children's learning and development, at NQF Level 4, 7 Credits.
- **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.

These modules will be internally assessed by the Service Provider in preparation for the External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) which will be managed by the ETDP SETA.

### *External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA)*

Once a learner has been assessed by the Course Facilitator and found to be competent against the Internal Assessment Criteria for the Knowledge and Practical Skills Modules and have gathered the necessary evidence of successfully completing the Work Experience Modules, learners will write the External Integrated Summative Assessment which is administered under examination conditions. If a learner is successful, they will be awarded the Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner.

The EISA is a national assessment that aims to ensure a uniform standard for the qualification and is used to ensure that summative assessment is standardised, consistent, and credible. The QCTO appoints Assessment Quality Partners (AQP) to conduct national assessments. The ETDP SETA is the AQP for this qualification.

### *Programme Delivery Framework*

Knowledge, Practical and Workplace components will run concurrently, with learners exposed to the workplace environment daily.

Programme Start date: 19 February 2026

Knowledge and Practical Modules: 114 Days (30 Weeks)
Workplace Modules 114 Days (30 Weeks)
Programme TOTAL 148 Days (37 Weeks)
Months to complete Programme TOTAL 15 Months

Course costs:

**Price: R22,000.00**

Price includes:

ECD Practitioner Tuition	R17,750.00
REGISTRATION FEE	R4,250.00
All course materials printed and bound where relevant	
Stationery	
Support modules	
Independent assessor fees	
EISA fees	
Graduation costs	

Payment Plan:

DEPOSIT: Registration fee R4,250.00 (non-refundable)

MONTHLY: R1,775.00 per month for 10 months.

UPFRONT PAYMENT: Monthly deposits are due at the start of each month.