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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

LEVEL 3

IN

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND

DEVELOPMENT

National Certificate Level 3 in Early Childhood Care and Development

1. Level: 3
2. Credits: 119
3. Review Date: February 2028

4. Access to qualification

4.1 Entry Information

Form III or 9th Grade of the Nine Year Continuous Basic Education (NYCBE)

or

An alternative acceptable qualification at Level 2 of the NQF

4.2 Recognition of Prior Learning [RPL]

Potential candidates holding at least 3 years of working experience in the relevant field may access this qualification through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

5. Award of Qualification Requirements

Compulsory

All the unit standards listed are required:

Unit No.	Unit Standard Title	Level	Credit
	EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT		
01	Explain the purpose, structure and relevance of early childhood development and care	3	4
02	Describe theoretical knowledge and its application related to child development	3	10
03	Promote child development through play	3	10
04	Interact with young children to promote language development	3	8
	PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE		
05	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of ethical behaviour in early childhood	3	8
06	Perform First Aid	3	5
07	Develop observation skills to observe a young child	3	4
08	Select and develop resources for play for young children	3	6

09	Guide young children's behaviour	3	10
10	Provide and ensure a safe environment for young children	3	6
11	Describe and apply hygiene practices and how they are applied for young children in an early childhood setting	3	4
12	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of the basic needs of young children	3	5
13	Demonstrate knowledge of attachment behaviour in early childhood	3	5
14	Describe ways to encourage good health practices in young children	3	4
FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND SOCIETY			
15	Demonstrate knowledge of early childhood services in the local community	3	6
16	Demonstrate knowledge of parenthood and child rearing practices	3	8
17	Describe the benefits of effective communication with parents, family and the community	3	8
FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND NUTRITION			
18	Apply knowledge of age-related nutrition needs in providing food for a child	2	8
Total Credits			119

6. Purpose

The National Certificate Level 3 in Early Childhood Care and Development provides basic skills and knowledge to perform as carers/care givers for the development and care of children aged 0 to 5 years within the socio-cultural context of the Republic of Mauritius.

Holders of the National Certificate Level 3 in Early Childhood Care and Development are able to demonstrate basic operational knowledge, skills, and attributes of early childhood care and development in the areas or domains of:

- Early childhood care theory and practice
- Early childhood development theory and practice;
- Professional practice
- Nutrition
- Health and Safety