

## COURSE OVERVIEW

# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

Here is a quick overview of your course plus useful information about navigating the online platform.

Your semester starts once you have completed your onboarding.



***Tomorrow belongs to people  
who prepare for it today.*** - AFRICAN PROVERB



## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Gain the essential knowledge and practical skills to run, support, or improve an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre in South Africa. This course equips you with the tools to manage daily operations, lead staff, create inclusive learning environments, and ensure legal compliance. You will also focus on child protection, nutrition, budgeting, and building strong partnerships with families and the community.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Your course contains 11 substantive modules/units. See an overview below:

- Understand the legal and ethical responsibilities of running an ECD centre in South Africa
- Create a safe, inclusive environment where all children can grow and learn
- Manage nutrition, safety and health practices to support young children's development
- Strengthen communication with families and lead a professional, well-supported ECD team
- Plan budgets, manage records, and apply basic financial controls
- Implement effective child protection measures
- Lead staff and apply professional practices in daily operations
- Build sustainable partnerships with families and communities

## ASSESSMENT INFO

You must submit and pass formative assessments that are compulsory for each unit, and then also one summative assessment at the end of your course. All assessments are completed online via a digital quiz on the student portal.

## EXPERTISE YOU CAN TRUST

- | 19 YEARS OF INNOVATIVE LEARNING
- | OVER 50,000 SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS
- | ENDORSED BY SAIOSH AND OPSA
- | REGISTERED AND ACCREDITED WITH SAQA AND DHET
- | CURRICULA DEVELOPED BY LEADING ACADEMICS AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS
- | QUALITY ASSURED QUALIFICATIONS

- 3 months
- ± 8h study time per week
- Fully online | Mobile friendly
- Earn an industry-ready certificate

## HOW TO STUDY ONLINE

You will study entirely online, using our iQ Virtual Campus as follows:

- Log into your profile.
- Complete the Onboarding (including New Rules).

Your course starts once you have completed your Student Onboarding on the Virtual Campus, where you will gain access to the Programme rules and your Programme Guide.

Content for each module will be made available based on a structured learning path to guide you through the learning process over a fixed period. For your convenience, the study guide units for each module are available separately in the respective unit sections on the learning platform (in digital format).

You can download this for offline use.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

We understand that studying online can sometimes be isolating and challenging, so we have worked hard to ensure your course is interactive and you are supported to ensure academic success. If you need to contact your course coordinator or require admin or account related support, complete a form for assistance, [click here](#).

