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Early Childhood Development Practitioner (ECDP) Level 4 – Student Information Sheet

Programme Title: Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner

NQF Level: 4

Credits: 131

Duration: 12 months (14 weeks of block training sessions, plus workplace experience, assignments and the final EISA exam)

SAQA ID: 97542

Accrediting Body: Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)

Delivered by: Knysna Education Trust (KET)

Entry Requirements: Grade 11 or higher, with English and Mathematical Literacy; ability to communicate in English; placement at an ECD centre; commitment to attend all sessions and complete all tasks

Programme Overview

Thank you for your interest in training with Knysna Education Trust (KET). If you have a passion for working with young children and want to build a meaningful career, this course is your pathway forward.

An ECD Practitioner is a trained professional who plans and prepares learning activities, guides and supports development through play, observes and assesses progress, communicates with families, creates safe learning environments, and promotes children's wellbeing.

Is This Course Right for You?

This course is suitable if you:

- Enjoy working with children
- Want a teaching career
- Believe the early years matter
- Are committed to learning and making a difference

Why ECD Matters

The first six years are important for brain development. Practitioners help children:

- Learn through play
- Build confidence
- Develop thinking and language
- Grow in a safe environment



What You Will Learn

- Child development
- Learning through play
- Planning and routines
- Assessment
- Safety
- Parent communication
- Administration

Training Contact Sessions

- Training takes place in block sessions at the KET Training Centre, Melrose House, 34 Queen Street, Knysna
- There are a total of 14 weeks of training sessions in the year

Workplace-Based Learning Requirement (Compulsory)

- Learners must complete six (6) months of practical experience at a registered ECD centre
- Learners must be employed or volunteer at an ECD centre for the duration of the course

Admission Process

- Submit application
- Provide certified documents
- Write pre-assessment test
- Secure workplace placement

Assessments

- Internal Assessment: Written tasks, practical demonstrations, assignments, and a Portfolio of Evidence (PoE)
- External Integrated Summative Assessment (EISA) by ETDP SETA: Written exam, practical evaluation, and workplace evidence review
- ETDP SETA issues the Statement of Results (SoR). The QCTO issues the final Occupational Certificate.

Course Fees & Bursaries

- Total cost: R25 000 (includes learning materials; excludes transport)



- Limited bursaries are available based on financial need and academic readiness. Bursaries are not guaranteed.

Learner Commitment

- Attend all classes
- Complete six months of workplace practice
- Submit all tasks on time
- Meet QCTO standards

This course is an opportunity to build a career and make a lasting difference in the lives of children.

Kind regards,

Debbie de Villiers

Accredited Training Centre Coordinator