NewBridge GRADUATE INSTITUTE

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education

Support young minds. Inspire early learning. Build foundations for the future.

Higher Certificate | 1 Year Full-Time | NQF Level 5 | 120 Credits | SAQA ID [TBA]

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAMME?

The Higher Certificate in Early Childhood Care and Education develops the foundational knowledge and practical skills needed to support young children's learning, development and well-being.

You'll learn about child development, early learning, inclusive practice and well-being while developing practical skills to facilitate age-appropriate learning and play, observe progress and create supportive learning environments.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAMME?

1. Build practical skills to support young children's learning, development and well-being.
2. Develop knowledge of child development, early learning and inclusive practice.
3. Prepare for opportunities working with young children in the ECD sector.
4. Build a strong foundation for further professional and academic development.

GRADUATE WITH PROOF

Graduate with proof, not just a qualification, through NGI Accelerate, which enables you to build additional certifications and a stronger professional profile while you study.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Early Childhood Educator
- Teaching Assistant
- Au pair
- Playgroup Facilitator
- ECD Centre Coordinator

IS THIS PROGRAMME RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Are passionate about working with young children
- Enjoy communicating and connecting with others
- Have a creative and playful approach to learning
- Are patient, empathetic, and emotionally mature
- Want to contribute to children's development and education

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KEY AREAS OF STUDY

Compulsory:

- Teaching Practice (WIL)
- Academic Literacies
- Historical and Contemporary Overview of ECCE
- Education as Profession and Function
- Early Childhood Development
- Planning and Facilitating Inclusive Learning and Development
- Well-being of the Whole Child
- Identity and Belonging
- Communication and Language Development
- Exploring Mathematics
- Creativity and Problem-Solving
- Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Electives:

- Language of Communicative Competence: isiZulu
- Language of Communicative Competence: isiXhosa
- Language of Communicative Competence: Sesotho

SKILLS YOU'LL DEVELOP

- Communication and Collaboration
- Professional Practice
- Observation and Assessment
- Understanding Child Development
- Facilitating Early Learning
- Promoting Child Well-being

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

NSC with Higher Certificate admission

OR

NCV with Higher Certificate admission endorsement and required language requirements

OR

Relevant NQF Level 4 qualification

Alternative admission pathways are available.

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Recognised for internationally benchmarked quality.

NewBridge Graduate Institute is proud to be accredited by the British Accreditation Council (BAC), an internationally recognised independent body that accredits institutions meeting rigorous global standards of academic and operational excellence. This accreditation confirms NGI's commitment to delivering quality education and fostering a supportive learning environment.

For students and parents, this means the assurance of studying at a trusted, globally recognised institution. BAC accreditation affirms NGI's commitment to international standards of quality, strengthening confidence in the education students receive and supporting pathways to further study and career success locally and internationally.

This also aligns with NGI's existing positioning of BAC as an international accreditation that provides additional assurance of ***quality, governance and academic standards.***