

Child Development teaches you about the factors that influence the child's development, care routines, play and activities to support the child and all relevant legislation, policies and procedures in the early years sector. You'll explore a variety of different theories and understand how a child's early environment and development can affect their future.

#### People & Culture Specialist

You'll work with HR teams to deliver training and help them improve. Adapt and develop their relations with employees. Improving people management capabilities was named as one of the top rarities by UK organisations in 2020. Demand for HR managers will grow by 9.1% to 2027 in the UK, with the industry managing the changing world of work. You'll need to inspire people to make positive adjustments and encourage organisational change.

#### Health Play Specialist

As a Health Play Specialist, you will carry out therapeutic assessments and design play activities to meet children's individual needs. You will be required to plan and run play, art and craft activities at the bedside, on the ward or in a hospital play area. As part of your responsibilities, you will create an environment that encourages play, develop a supportive environment in order that you can talk to parents or carers about the value of play and suggest suitable activities.



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## 5 work skills that Child Development will give you:



### Creative Thinking

Childcare workers can be creative individuals, especially when engaging with children. Planning fun activities, organising events for children and keeping children motivated and engaged is a major aspect of the job.



### Leadership

Childcare workers direct and lead children in many different activities. They may also hold meetings with parents and other staff members. Being able to delegate, direct and manage the day-to-day responsibilities childcare workers take on depends on strong leadership qualities.



### Organisation

Childcare workers need to maintain a high level of organisation, especially in environments where they serve as the sole caretaker or instructor. For instance, a childcare worker in a preschool will often be responsible for recording and maintaining student and classroom files.



### Communication

A combination of strong written, verbal and non verbal communication skills is essential in child development. Planning and recording lessons, activities and other documents relies heavily on your ability to communicate in writing. Verbal communication is necessary for interacting with children, staff and parents. Body language can also be highly beneficial for being able to relate to and build relationships at work.



### Problem Solving Skills

Overcoming challenges can be a big part of taking a job in childcare, strong problem-solving skills are necessary to be effective in this role. Challenges in the learning environment like lack of supplies, children coming in sick or upset are examples of some of the issues that childcare workers face in their jobs.

## Where can Child Development take you?

### Jobs directly related to Child Development:

- Early Years Practitioner
- Education Consultant
- Educational Psychologist
- Primary School Teacher
- Play Therapist
- Youth Worker
- Special Educational Needs
- Coordinator
- Special Educational Needs
- Teacher
- Speech and Language
- Therapist
- Health Visitor
- Family Support Worker
- Health Play Specialist

### Jobs where Child Development is useful:

- Child Psychotherapist
- Children's Nurse
- Community Development Worker
- Counsellor
- Educational Psychologist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Youth Worker
- Social Worker
- Nursery Manager
- Paediatric Nutritionist
- Portrait Photographer

## Future of Job Facts:



### Education

Primary school and nursery teachers have one of the highest rates of job satisfaction in the UK. There are more than **450,000** teachers working across the UK.



### Public Sector

The public sector - which includes NHS hospitals, state schools, local councils and the police - employs more than **five million** people across the UK. That's over 17% of the workforce.



### Social Care

Social workers, care workers and other social care professionals help vulnerable children and adults in a vast industry which employs over **1.8 million** people across the UK.



### Science & Research

Between 2016 and 2021, jobs in science and research have grown at twice the rate of other industries, creating **142,000** new jobs. One in every six jobs of the future will be in science and research.



### Charity & Not for Profit

The manufacturing sector employs around **three million** people and accounts for 9% of employment in the UK. That's a lot of jobs!



### Medicine & Healthcare

The UK healthcare industry employs over **four million** people, making it one of the largest employment sectors. Four of the five highest average graduate salaries are in fields related to medicine.