

UNIT TITLE: Understanding the Principles of Childcare Practice

LEVEL: Three

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This unit has 4 learning outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the service principles of the childcare sector. (P8, M3) ¹	1.1. Evaluate social, political and moral values within professional childcare settings.
2. Understand the value base, its benefits and how it is applied in a particular childcare setting. (P8, M3)	2.1. Analyse how the care value base works in a particular setting, for example, Code of Practice. 2.2. Draw conclusions on how practice benefits from working to a value base.
3. Understand how quality of service is measured and problems addressed. (P8, M3)	3.1. Define quality assurance systems. 3.2. Summarise inspection and registration procedures. 3.3. Investigate how performance indicators are used in childcare settings. 3.4. Summarise the complaints system in the organisation.
4. Understand institutional policy, procedures and practice in dealing with sensitive issues. (P8, M3)	4.1. Evaluate the policy, procedures and practice in reporting and preventing abuse at a specific childcare agency.

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Please note: Achievement of this unit does not provide evidence against the Care Standards Act requirements

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Guidance:

This grid gives details of the assessment activities to be used with the unit attached. Please refer to the NOCN Centre Handbook for definitions of each activity and the expectations for assessment practice and evidence for moderation.

The assessment activities for this unit are indicated in the table below:

Key: P = Prescribed – this assessment method *must* be used to assess the unit.

O = Optional – this assessment method *could* be used to assess the unit.

Case study	O	Project	
Written question & answer/test/exam		Role play/simulation	
Essay		Practical demonstration	
Report	P	Group discussion	O
Oral question and answer	O	Performance/exhibition	
Written description	P	Production of artefact	
Reflective log / diary		Practice file	

Signposting Key Skills

This unit offers clear opportunities for learners to provide evidence of achievement in Key Skills achievement in the following skill area/s:

Key Skill		Wider Key Skill	
Communication	✓	Working with others	
Information Technology		Problem solving	✓
Application of Number		Improving Own Learning and Performance	✓