eDistance Learning Course Brochure

OLQA

CHILD DEVELOPMENT (LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA)

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Course Information

COURSE OVERVIEW

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A distance learning course is the ideal way to gain a Child Development diploma. Whether you're looking to go on to further education, improve your job prospects or expand your knowledge, distance learning child Development is a flexible and convenient course, which allows you to comprehensively prepare for an exam or career through home study. What's more, because the distance learning Level 3 Child Development course is a fully comprehensive course, no prior knowledge is required.

This fully accredited OLQA Level 3 Diploma Course in Child Development is designed for people with an interest in the Psychology and Sociology of the early years and would like to increase their knowledge or gain knowledge in this important field.

The Level 3 Course has both a practical and an applied component and delivers a wide syllabus of topics to provide the student with an introduction to the width and breadth of the subject area. The course will be of great benefit to those who are currently working with children or are wishing to learn more about children. Issues that impact upon raising children and the early years of development will be studied.

For those interested in pursuing a career in Social Care will find this course will provide essential background for the subject area and other child related discipline. There are eight graded Assessments within this Course and to encourage student led research students will also be asked to write a thesis on one of the topics studied in the Course.

Course Content
The course will contain the following topic areas:

1. Stages of pregnancy and birth
2. Early Years of development
3. The development of self
4. The social world of the child
5. Emotional development
6. Adolescence
7. Problems arising from development
8. The Family
9. The social construction of childhood
10. Physical development
11. Theoretical approaches to the development of childhood
12. The Psychological approach (including the main Psychological theorists; including Freud, Piaget, Darwin, Vygotsky)
13. Processes of accommodation, assimilation and equilibrium
14. The influences of Peers
15. Making friends and social networks

HOME STUDY SUPPORT

You will be provided with comprehensive materials designed to provide you with everything required to complete your course of study. You will have your own personal tutor helping you with your course work and with any questions you may have. Plus you can contact our Student Advisors by email or phone for all the practical advice you may need – so we really are with you 100%.

What's more, you'll have access to the online student portal, where you can interact with other students, browse our resource library and manage your account.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

100% of your marks are made up by way of a final exam.

When you have completed the programme, your tutor needs to verify that you have worked through all parts of any Workbooks, Activities and Exercises successfully.

Upon verification of the activities, exercises and assignments, you will be awarded your diploma by OLQA as confirmation that your written work has met all of the learning outcomes and assessment criteria for the programme.

How is the course structured?

The OLQA Level 3 Child Development course is divided into eleven comprehensive modules:

Module 1 - Defining Childhood
In the first module students will look at definitions of childhood throughout the ages, providing a useful background for the whole course and will encourage students to consider the impact of society upon the developing child.

Module 2 - Pregnancy and Family Life
This Module will look at family patterns and the wider social network that surrounds the child. Students will examine the impact that having a baby will have upon relationships with others. Much emphasis will be placed upon changing patterns of family life and issues such as Religion, Family Income and Industrialisation.

Module 3 - The Developing Baby
Students will examine foetal development from conception to the birth in this module. Issues connected with the post birth period will be examined and essential practical aspects of preparation stages for the arrival of the baby will be discussed.

Module 4 - Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Childhood
This module will focus on the work of Charles Darwin, Jean Piaget, Lev Vygotsky. These main theoretical approaches will all be considered and studied, together with an assessment of the practical contribution their writings have actually made to the raising of children in the present day.

Module 5 - Emotional Development
The importance of the emotional development will be discussed together with a presentation of the writings of Sigmund Freud and John Bowlby. The implications of the work of both men will be discussed in relation to modern day parenting and day care.

Module 6 - Day Care
With the effects of the changing family, many parents are finding day care is essential in order to allow parents to pursue their careers. It is an progressively more important part of parenting and the reactions of children to day care will be examined in this module. The problems of assessing day care and the implications of flawed research in this area will be discussed. The importance of good quality care will be emphasised and students will be encouraged to identify those aspects of care that they feel are beneficial and important to both the physical, intellectual and social development of children in the early years.

Module 7 - The Developing Self
In this module students will look at the development of the self concept will be discussed. Students will be able to identify the important aspects of development of the self concept in the early years and will also be able to identify the 'risk' factors that can impact upon healthy self development.

Module 8 - The Social Development of Children
Children's peers can largely influence the development of a child suggesting children do not grow up in isolation. All children are likely to be involved in the school system. The importance of getting on with others in a school setting and the impact (both positive and negative) of peer relationships in childhood will be discussed. Issues such as bullying will be presented in this module and students will be encouraged to think about strategies that can be developed to foster positive school interaction.

Module 9 - The Development of Play
The importance of play to the developing child will be discussed, together with parental issues in relation to play. The different types and functions of play throughout the life cycle will be described. Issues such as play and socio-economic class and gender differences will be presented so that students may be better informed about the impact of play on all aspects of development.

Module 10 - Development in Adolescence
The adolescence period is a time of transition and great changes in the life of the child will be visible. Adolescence is often identified as a negative period in the life of the child but it is the aim of this section of the Course to examine both the physical and emotional changes of adolescence and to emphasis not only the negative impact of adolescence but also the positive impact that adolescence can have in the life cycle.

Module 11 - Developmental Problems
Students will be introduced to some of the developmental problems associated with the early years. Some of the people who can assist with these problems will be identified along with guidance on training for the major professions involved in child development.

COURSE DURATION

We recommended you spend approximately 400 hours of your time studying for the course name. The pace of study is completely up to you. To give an example, if you dedicate 8 hours a week to the course it would take you a year to complete but if you could spare 16 hours a week you could complete it in six months.

Get started today, and you can earn your Level 3 OLQA Diploma in Child Development in as little as six months, or take up to two years, if you prefer – the choice is yours.

HOME STUDY COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The good news is that no prior learning knowledge or experience is essential to take this course. This course is openly available to anyone wishing to learn more about Child Development and would like to take part in a highly rewarding home study course. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and study further, so we try to keep our entry requirements to a minimum.

You have the freedom to start the course at any time and continue your studies at your own pace for a period of up to 24 months from initial registration with full tutor support.

COURSE FEES

Our aim is to provide you with the best deal available, therefore any registration fee, certification fee and full tutor support is included in the course price for you. The enrolment fee for the Child Development home study course is £456.25 (inc VAT), though for a limited time we are offering you the opportunity to pay only £365 (inc VAT) which is a 20% discount if you enrol online and pay in full.

You can also opt for our Easy Payment Plan and enrol online today by paying a deposit of £91.25 and then 4 equal payments of £91.25 per month. The first instalment is paid about a month after you receive your course.

COURSE QUALIFICATION

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Accreditation by OLQA is a guarantee of quality. It means that this learning programme has been scrutinised and approved by experienced educational professionals and is quality assured by OLQA.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Social Worker
Psychologist
Child Therapist
Nursery Nurse / Manager

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Your course fee covers everything you will need to successfully complete the **Child Development** home study course and earn your diploma:

1. All textbooks, study folders, and/or online learning aids designed for distance learning.
2. A full range of student services, including:
    - Tutor marked assessments (TMAs)
    - Access to the online student portal (Student Chat, Forums and Online Support Resources)
    - NUS Extra Card (discounted membership)
    - Comprehensive Study Guide & Study Plan
    - Guide to Effective Study Techniques
    - How to approach exams without fear
3. An OLQA Quality Assured Level 3 Diploma upon course completion.
4. One year educational support by e-mail, post, fax or phone.
5. Free postage and packaging for UK mainland students.

FURTHER COURSE INFORMATION

If your course is being delivered online, please ensure you meet the minimum requirements below.

For Windows:
Windows 98, 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7 - Acrobat Reader 4.0 and above

For Macintosh:
Mac OS X, Mac OS 9.2 - Acrobat Reader 4.0 and above

From time to time we may enrol our students with our partner sites; this is dependent on the number of students enrolling on a particular course and course material availability. If this happens, nothing changes for you other than the name of the college administering your course. We will continue to be your point of contact; you will get the exact same course you have enrolled on with the same high level of quality content and support.

This course can be enrolled upon by students internationally. There are no deadlines for enrolments.

WHAT TO DO NOW?

Step One: It's simple - all you need to do now is choose whether you want to pay in instalments or in full and then click on the relevant enrolment button at the top of this page.

Step Two: Once you have selected your payment option to enrol you will be redirected (this can take a few seconds) to our PayPal payment page for you to select your payment method and complete your enrolment.

Step Three: Within 7 days (normally 48 hours) your enrolment papers and course materials will be with you. A tutor and a dedicated support advisor will also be allocated to you.

That's it..... Thanks and wishing you the best of luck with your studies.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How does distance learning work?
A. To ensure studying is flexible and convenient, most of our courses are divided into sections. You work through each section at your own pace and time. Once completed, send the test paper back to your personal tutor for marking. You will then move onto the next section once successfully completing the previous section. The support period is dependent on the type of course you choose; our minimum support period is one year.

Q. When can I start the course?
A. The answer is simple, when YOU want; you can start the course at any time since we do not have any set enrolment dates. Most of our courses don't require any previous experience or qualifications. All you need is a desire and motivation to succeed. You can even start right now - call and speak to one of our Professional Course Advisors.

Q. How long do the courses take?
A. This is dependent upon your choice of course and how fast you want to learn. A full breakdown of the course is available in your course literature. We do provide estimated number of study hours; ask our course advisors for details.

Q. I want to buy a course that is not on the course list. What do I do?
A. Our website has an excellent list of the most popular courses on the market. However, we do have access to a more in-depth portfolio should you not find the course you are looking for. You can call our course advisors and discuss the course you are interested in.

Q. Do the courses have tutorial support?
A. Yes. You will be allocated an experienced tutor who will guide you through the course, mark your assignments and generally help you with any problems you may have. Your tutors can be contacted via email and post.

Q. If I fail an assignment can I retake it?
A. Yes, your tutor will ask you to resubmit your assignment and give you support as to where you could improve.

Q. How do I get help with my course work?
A. You can get help 7 days a week by email, or post from your dedicated tutor, you just email your assignments for marking. You have to send your assignments one at a time so the tutor can mark one and give you the feedback.

Q. Will I get a qualification at the end?
A. Yes, for all our courses, you will receive a diploma or a recognised qualification from the awarding body for your course.

Q. Is the course work done online or sent via the internet?
A. No, the work is done offline using your PC or for paper based courses working through your course folder. All the assignments are in the course manual so there are no online costs incurred.

Q. Is there a time limit or any deadlines?
A. We do like you to complete the course within the tutor support period but we can extend this for a small charge (currently £35 for 12 months). If you follow the recommended study hours, this will give you a good guide.

Q. Will I have to sit an examination?
A. Most of our paper based courses do not require you to sit examinations, only continual assessments. Where there are examinations required, you will receive all the information you need to make your own exam arrangements. Please note exam fees are not included in your course fee, unless otherwise stated.

Q. How quickly will I receive my course material?
A. Once your payment has been received and cleared your enrolment should be processed within two days and your course materials delivered within 5 days. For customers who choose to pay in instalments this can take longer as we need a signed agreement back from you before we send the course materials.

Q. Do I have to buy any other materials?
A. Our comprehensive course materials are designed to be self-contained with all the relevant information you require to complete the course and gain the relevant certification. However some of our students undertake additional reading via relevant textbooks/study guides and/or the Internet to add value to their studies.

Q. I'm not sure of what course I should take? Can you help?
A. Yes we can, it is important that you pursue a course which you will enjoy. Although we cannot make this decision for you, we employ a team of dedicated Professional Course Advisors, who will guide you towards making the right choice. Whether you want specific information, or just a chat about what's available, call us now on 0844 357 1110.

Q. Why choose eDistance Learning?
A. The breadth and depth of our portfolio of courses means that we will have a course to interest you. We are committed to your success, and offer advice and support through every step of the process. We have a dedicated team of Professional Course Advisors who can give you access to career and recruitment advice, whilst offering excellent value and quality courses.

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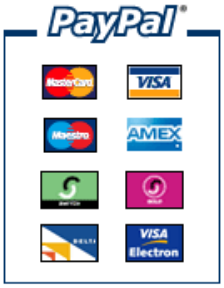
Postal Enrolment Form

Post your completed application and payment instructions to:

eDistance Learning
22 Turnbull Street
Suite 108
Glasgow
G1 5PR
United Kingdom



STUDENT INFORMATION

Title	First Name	Last Name

Date of Birth	Home Phone No	Mobile No

Billing Address (If paying by card, please provide the address the card is registered to)

Post Code	City	County / Country

Primary Email Address	

Delivery Address (if different from above)

Post Code	City	County / Country

COMPANY INFORMATION
(IF APPLICABLE)

Company Name

Company Address

Post Code	City	County / Country

Phone	E-mail	Fax

Company Contact Name	Position	Direct Line

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Name	Course Code

If paying by instalments – *please complete below*		Support Period: ☐ 12 Months ☐ 24 Months
Deposit £	**Four (4) Monthly Payments of** £	**UK Post & Packing** Free
International Delivery + £40 ☐	**Next Day UK Delivery** + £30 (Optional) ☐	**Insurance** + £10 (Optional) ☐

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR POSTAL ENROLMENTS ONLY

Please use this form to enrol ONLY if you are NOT making a payment online.

☐ **CHEQUE** ☐ **POSTAL ORDER** ☐ **CREDIT / DEBIT CARD** ☐ **BACS** ☐ **PAYPAL**

PAYMENTS IN FULL

CHEQUE / POSTAL ORDER / WESTERN UNION – Please post your cheque /postal order to **eDistance Learning** with this completed form.
BACS - Please make payment to **eDistance Learning** | A/C No: **43037728** | Sort Code: **09 06 66** and send us this completed form.

INSTALMENT CUSTOMERS

CHEQUE – Special arrangements can be made to pay by cheque, please call us to set this up.
PAYPAL – On selecting this option we will send you a link to complete your automated payment schedule and complete enrolment.
CREDIT / DEBIT CARD – Please provide your credit/debit card details below to allow us to process your monthly payments
STANDING ORDER – If you would like to pay by standing order, please call us to set this up.

Card Number – 16 Digits	Card Type (e.g. VISA)	(CSC) 3Digits	Issue No

Please select your payment option.	If you are paying by instalments are they to be taken by this card?	Start Date	Expiry Date	Please confirm the Payment to be taken from this card
Pay in Full ☐ **Instalments** ☐	**YES** ☐ **NO** ☐	|	|	**£**

Name as it appears on card (Please Print Name)

I the credit / debit cardholder authorise eDistance Learning to take the amounts specified from my credit/debit card as detailed above. I the student agree to the general terms and conditions of enrolment and the conditions of the monthly payments as set out in this agreement.

Terms & Conditions – (http://www.edistancelearning.co.uk/t-cs)
Payment & Delivery – (http://www.edistancelearning.co.uk/payment-delivery)
Price Guarantee – (www.edistancelearning.co.uk/pricematch)
Privacy Policy – (http://www.edistancelearning.co.uk/privacy-policy)

Signature of Cardholder & Student	**Date**

Signature of Cardholder (If different from student)	**Date**

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For more information or to enrol on this course visit:
http://www.edistancelearning.co.uk/child-development-course

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GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS
APPLICABLE TO POSTAL ENROLMENTS

1. Definitions
In this Agreement unless otherwise stated:

(i) "Distance Learning Package" shall mean the course(s) identified and all related Materials, support and tuition where applicable;
(ii) "Materials" shall mean the learning materials, books, online course materials and/or CD-ROMs for the Distance Learning Package or any part of them (and shall include any replacement training materials and books in the event that you transfer Distance Learning Package in accordance with Clause 5);
(iii) Your “Support Period” depends on which course you choose to study and will be between one and three years unless otherwise stated in your course materials.
(iv) singular words shall include the plural and vice versa; and
(v) headings are included for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

2. Payments
(i) We agree to sell and you agree to buy the Distance Learning Package for the Total Cost/Cash Price and on the terms set out on our website and in the agreement we send you.
(ii) Under no circumstances shall we be deemed to have received payment until payment has actually been received by us in full and cleared.
(iii) All course material remains the property of eDistance Learning until the final payment has been received by us and cleared.

3. Care of the Materials if Paying by Instalments
(i) In some cases we may reserve all the Materials in your name and store them at the eDistance Learning Centre.
(ii) In these cases we will release the Materials to you in compact learning units as you progress through the Distance Learning Package to enable you to work systematically through the core material.
(iii) You will inspect each set of materials promptly following delivery. You will tell us about any omission as soon as it is reasonably possible.

4. Services
(i) During the Support Period, we will provide you with support and tuition as set out in [the promotional Materials & website].
(ii) If requested, we may at our sole discretion, extend the Support Period for an agreed fee.
(iii) If you are sitting an external examination at the end of your Distance Learning Package, we will provide you with such information as we have in our possession to assist you in making such examination arrangements. In all other respects, you will be solely responsible for making arrangements to enable you to sit the examination and for any and all fees in relation thereto.
(iv) If we, at our sole discretion, assist you in making your examination arrangements by providing you with information about the time and location of local examinations or reserving an examination place for you, you acknowledge that we shall not be responsible for any losses incurred by you as a result of inaccurate information provided in connection with any such arrangement except such losses, excluding business losses, caused by failure to act with reasonable care and skill.

5. eDistance Learning Course Transfer Facility
(i) If you wish to transfer to a different course, we may at our sole discretion agree to such transfer.
(ii) Unless you are paying under a Credit Agreement, if we agree that you may transfer to a different course, we will transfer the fees paid for the Distance Learning Package you wish to discontinue towards the amount payable for the new course PROVIDED THAT we receive payment from you for the balance of fees due in respect of the new course (if more expensive than the discontinued Distance Learning Package) and an agreed transfer fee will be payable to cover our tuition and/or administrative costs.

6. Warranties and Limitation of Liability
(i) We warrant that the Materials will be of satisfactory quality but do not warrant that the Materials will be error free.
(ii) We warrant that we will perform any services provided hereunder with reasonable skill and care.
(iii) We intend to rely on the written terms set out in this agreement. If you require any changes, please ensure you ask for these to be put in writing. In that way, we can avoid any problems surrounding what we, and you, are expected to do.
(iv) Other than in respect of liability for death or personal injury arising from our negligence, we shall not be liable for: (a) losses that were not foreseeable to both parties when this Agreement was made; (b) losses that were not caused by any breach on our part; or (c) business losses and/or losses to non-consumers.
(v) Our liability for direct losses arising out of our negligence (other than in respect of liability for death or personal injury), breach of contract or any other cause of action arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be limited to the total price paid for the Distance Learning Package as quoted overleaf.
(vi) Other than in respect of liability for death or personal injury arising from our negligence, we shall not be liable for any indirect or consequential loss or damage whatsoever (including without limitation any loss of profits, loss of revenue, loss of opportunity or your liabilities to third parties) which you may suffer arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

7. Other Terms
(i) No relaxation or indulgence which we may extend to you shall affect our rights under this Agreement.
(ii) If any part of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable the remaining terms and conditions shall continue in force.
(iii) All liabilities or obligations arising under this Agreement shall be enforceable against you after termination of this Agreement.
(iv) You will notify us immediately in writing of any change in your address and other contact details. Any notices required to be served under this Agreement, or in accordance with the Act will be deemed properly served if sent by way of prepaid first class post to your last known address.
(v) This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of [England] and you hereby agree to submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the [English Courts].

8. Cancellation
(i) Your statutory right under the consumer protection (Distance Selling) Regulations 2000, allows you seven working days from the day after receipt of materials in which to make a **written request** for cancellation. Unless the parties have agreed otherwise, you will not have the right to cancel by giving notice of cancellation for the supply of computer software if they are unsealed by you or for the supply of online courseware which has been accessed by you.

9. Instalment Payments
(i) You will pay the Deposit shown online when you enrol and the outstanding balance of the total cash price by the instalments and on the dates specified in our welcome letter.
(ii) It is a fundamental term of the agreement that all payments should be made promptly and on time, you will be deemed to be in default if your payments are more than 30 days overdue.
(iii) If you fail to comply with any terms of this Agreement, we shall be entitled to recover from you the reasonable costs and losses incurred by us as a result of locating you, communicating with you and collecting any unpaid sums. Such sums are payable on demand. In the event of legal action for breach of payment, you will be responsible for all costs allowable by the court if an award is made in our favour.
(iv) Failure to return your instalment agreement within 30 days will invalidate this agreement and you will forfeit your initial deposit payment.

10. Discretionary waiver
(i) If, at any time during the course of the Agreement, you notify us that you no longer wish to pursue the Distance Learning Package we may, in our absolute discretion, agree to waive our rights to the sums payable under Clause 12 upon payment by you of all sums due under Clause 12 and an administration fee of £75.00, upon condition that you waive all rights to delivery of any and all Materials which we have not yet released to you in accordance with Clause 3(ii) and you assign to us all title and interest in such Materials.
(ii) If you wish to be considered for a discretionary waiver, you should contact us by letter or telephone.

11. Termination
(i) If: (a) you fail to pay any amount due under this Agreement; (b) you breach any of the other terms and conditions, express or implied, of the Agreement; or (c) any information provided by you in the making of this Agreement proves to be incomplete or inaccurate, we shall be entitled, after the expiry of a Default Notice served on you, to terminate this Agreement.
(ii) If this Agreement is terminated you will pay us the unpaid balance of the Balance Payable, less any applicable rebate, plus all expenses, charges and costs in accordance with Clause 10.

12. Warranty
(i) eDistance Learning shall not be obliged to replace free of charge any Materials pursuant to Clause 6(vi) if any monthly instalments or other sums are due and unpaid under this Agreement as at the date of the claim.

Data Protection (see our Privacy Policy for details)

IMPORTANT: USE OF YOUR INFORMATION This privacy statement applies to any personal data you may give eDistance Learning. We collect any personal data you may give us when you enrol on your course. We will also collect contact details from prospective students. We maintain data on your transactions with us as well as your use of our services. We would like to use your personal data to provide you with further information about our products and services, please indicate if you do not want to be contacted by mail, email or telephone.

Access to your Personal Information
The Data Protection Act 1998 gives you the right to access the information that we hold about you. Please note that any demand for access may be subject to payment of a fee of £10 which covers our costs in providing you with the information requested. Should you wish to receive details that we hold about you please contact us using the contact details on this agreement.

We will not pass on your details to any third party. To receive a copy of the full privacy statement or to access or modify your information or change your preferences, please contact us.

PLEASE ALWAYS REFER TO OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST COURSE INFORMATION, PRICING AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS.