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**Information Brochure**



## BACKGROUND

Brain Jar Skills Development(Pty) Ltd operates as a Private Company registered in March 2021.

The registration number is 2021 / 489895 / 07.

Brain Jar Skills Development was designed to help people acquire the necessary credentials

through an online platform which is easy to use, and provides the personalised support required to

achieve their goals and qualifications.

The business aims to deliver high quality training that is cost effective and excellent quality service.

### Our Mission

We aim to empower unqualified teachers in the field with the skills and resources they deserve. Our program is set on building the foundation for our teachers to become highly skilled practitioners.

### Our Vision

At Brain Jar Skills Development, our mission is to provide a user-friendly platform for students to

complete their qualifications for trade skills.

We believe that education should be accessible to everyone, and our goal is to provide a nurturing

environment for our students to succeed in their chosen careers.



# Business Philosophy

Skills development is the changing face of education and training. As a new democracy, South Africa is looking for better ways of educating its people in the hope of creating a competitive economic global environment. It is strategically necessary for companies to invest in the education, training and skills development of its employees. All education, training and development interventions should be aligned to business needs and strategies, comply with relevant legislation and meet the highest possible quality standards. By contributing to the development of a pool of skilled South African workers, companies are supporting the National Skills Development Strategy and the principles of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Every child has the right to high-quality, holistic education and care which forms the critical foundation for further development and learning from childhood into adulthood. This necessitates the universal availability of high-quality early childhood development and education as a vital strategy to yield personal and long-term benefits to individual children, their families and the society at large.

Early childhood development is an essential component of economic development within the framework of child care services. Changing social and economic needs require parents to enter the labour market. Therefore quality early childhood development service provision is required to meet growing demands in the country, both in urban and rural settings.



“ Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society. ”  
Maria Montessori



# What We Offer

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Are you looking to pursue a career in Early Childhood Development? Are you working as a daycare or preschool assistant and want to take your career to the next level?

If you want to work towards a career as a preschool teacher, daycare centre administrator, daycare centre manager, aupair or assistant Grade R teacher then we have the solution for you!

## Online Portal

Brain Jar is providing students with access to online learning resources, assessments and support through an online platform. In order to participate, students will need the following:

- A desktop computer or laptop or tablet device with a minimum of Windows 10 installed.
- Access to the internet.
- Data to access the portal and additional resources.

Language of Instruction Our Courses  
The language of instruction is English.

## Our courses:

- NQF Level 5 ECD National Diploma: Early Childhood Development
- NQF level 4 ECD Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner

## Mode of Programme Delivery

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It is important to note that it remains your sole responsibility to ensure that you have access to both the equipment, internet facilities and data required to be able to access the student platform.

# Why choose Brain Jar Skills Development?

1. We are the only institute offering accredited NQF level 4 and 5 courses online.
2. Our courses are part-time and flexible.
3. Our expert educators will assist you directly if you get stuck with any of your coursework.
4. Course fees are affordable and paid on a monthly basis (except for once-off application and registration fees).
5. Once you have completed your course we will assist you to find work by listing you on our recruitment site.







# NQF level 4 ECD Occupational Certificate Early Childhood Development

## Programme Outline

The purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to operate as an Early Childhood Development Practitioner.

An Early Childhood Development Practitioner plans and prepares early childhood activities, facilitates and mediates learning, observes and assesses the progress of children, and reflects on learning in an inclusive, play-based environment to support holistic development of children (from conception – school going) in different centre-based or non-centre based settings.

A qualified learner will be able to:

- Plan and prepare a broad-phase learning environment and stimulating activities that meet the holistic needs of all children in centre-based or non-centre-based settings.
- Facilitate and mediate all aspects of the daily programme in a centre-based or non-centre based setting.
- Observe, assess and record each child's progress according to the age and stage.
- Compile a report of each child's progress.
- Maintain and promote the well-being, health, nutrition, safety and protection of children.

### Admission Requirements

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): RPL for access to the external integrated summative assessment: Accredited providers and approved workplaces must apply the internal assessment criteria specified in the related curriculum document to establish and confirm prior learning. Accredited providers and workplaces must confirm prior learning by issuing a Statement of Results or certifying a Work Experience Record.

RPL for access to the Qualification: Accredited providers and approved workplaces may recognise prior learning against the relevant access requirements.



## Rationale

The Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development has been designed to meet the needs and interests of the early childhood development sector in a variety of settings and contexts with an inclusive focus on education, health and safety issues, amongst others.

This qualification will provide a means to give recognition to practitioners at an entry level, thus making it possible for practitioners to increase their employment prospects within the Department of Basic Education.

The Department of Social Development, through the registration of early childhood development centres and/or sites, may also provide business opportunities to successful practitioners who may wish to establish early childhood centres and/or sites. It will also provide access to a recognised career path and at the same time provide the field with suitably qualified professional practitioners. The qualification will provide opportunities to people who wish to enter and/or continue learning in the early childhood development field, which include the employed, under-employed but not qualified, and school leavers.

## Entry Requirements

- **National Certificate Vocational(NCV) at NQF Level 3 or**
- **Any other NQF Level 3 qualification.**



# NQF level 4:

## Tuition Fees Cost and Payment Plan

- The total cost to obtain the full qualification is R 11 250.00 per learner .
- An application fee of R 250.00 is required with your application form.
- A registration fee of R 2 000.00 is required after the student is accepted.
- The remaining R 9 000.00 can be paid off over 18 monthly instalments of R 500 per month.
- No student will be allowed to participate in final assessments if fees are outstanding.
- Fees will increase should the student exceed the study period. Exceeding the 18-month Timeline: If students exceed the 18 month duration for the course, an additional fee of R 500 per month will be charged for every month beyond the course timeline

Additional Notes

Exam: To Be Confirmed (TBC). EISA Exams: Not included in the fee. The cost is centre-based.







# NQF level 5 ECD National Diploma Early Childhood Development

## Programme Outline

The purpose of the qualification is to;

- Provide access to a recognised educator qualification at Level 6 for ECD educators who have a Level 4 or Level 5 certificate in ECD, providing a bridge between non-formal and formal learning programmes.
- To enable educators/learners to plan and implement a learning programme which is based on their knowledge of child development from birth to nine years and which helps children in a specific phase work towards achieving the learning outcomes of the national school curriculum (where appropriate).
- To improve community-based ECD services for young children by raising the level of ECD teaching competence and/or by providing opportunities for training in support and leadership roles.

### Admission Requirements

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): The qualification can be achieved as a whole or in part through the recognition of prior learning. Learners who have completed the Certificate at Level 5 should be able to participate in a learning programme(s) that provides the 120 credits not included in the Certificate, i.e. the fundamental learning components and additional electives. The Diploma is also intended to provide direct access to the Degree at Level 6.



# Entry Requirement

**In order to achieve the exit outcomes of this qualification, learners need the following knowledge and skills equivalent to NQF Level 4:**

- **The ability to read, write and use written resource material for learning and teaching in at least two South African languages;**
- **The ability to understand fundamental mathematical/numeracy concepts.**
- **Applied competence outlined in the core unit standards at Level 4.**
- **Facilitate Active Learning in ECD Programmes,**
- **Facilitate Healthy Development in ECD Programmes, and Manage the ECD Learning Programme.**



# NQF level 5:

## Tuition Fees Cost and payment plan

- The total cost to obtain the full qualification is R 19 850.00 per learner.
- An application fee of R 250.00 is required with your application form
- An admin fee of R 2000.00 per year is required at the beginning of each year.
  
- The total qualification price is R 15 600.00 can be paid off over 24 monthly instalments of 650 per month.
- No students will be allowed to participate in final assessments if fees are outstanding.
- Fees do increase should the student exceed the study period.
- Exceeding the 24-month Timeline: If students exceed the two-year duration for the course, an additional fee of R 500 per month will be charged for every month beyond the course timeline



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