

A photograph of two young girls with dark skin and curly hair, blowing bubbles. The girl on the left is blowing into a bubble wand, and the girl on the right is smiling. Bubbles are floating in the air around them. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. A red banner is in the top right corner, and a large white 'IB' logo is on the left side.

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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

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 4 ECD Occupational Certificate: Early Childhood Development Practitioner
 - Foundation Phase of ECD
 - Train the Trainer Program

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 courses online.
2. Our courses are part-time and flexible to fit your schedule.
3. Our expert educators are available to assist you if you need support with your coursework.
4. Course fees are affordable and paid on a monthly basis (excluding once-off application and registration fees).





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

Total Cost and Payment Plan

- The total cost to obtain the full qualification is **R14,850.00 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 **R12,600.00** can be paid off over **18 monthly** installments of **R700 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.



Foundation Phase of ECD:

Group Session Information

- Minimum Number of Students: 10
- Mode of Delivery: Online and Contact Sessions
- Duration: **10 months (10 sessions)**
- Registration Fee: **R600** (includes: books, master trainer, play-to-learn materials, and study materials)
- Cost per Session: **R400**
- Graduation Fee: R600 (includes ceremony, hire of hats and gowns)

Total Course Cost: R5,200

This course is designed to provide you with all the necessary tools and knowledge to excel in the Foundation Phase of Early Childhood Development.



Entry Requirement

1.Age Requirement:

- Candidates must be 18 years or older at the time of enrollment.

2.Language Proficiency:

- A basic understanding of English is necessary, as the course materials and assessments will be in English. Teaching in at least two South African languages.
- The ability to understand fundamental mathematical/numeracy concepts.
- The ability to read, write and use written resource material for learning.

3.Data or internet:

- Basic Internet or data are recommended, as the course involves online study sessions.

4.Passion for ECD:

- A strong interest in working with young children and a commitment to enhancing educational practices in the early childhood sector.

If you meet these requirements and are eager to start your journey in the Foundation Phase of ECD.

Train the trainer:

3-Day "Train the Trainer" Course

Course Duration: **3 Days**

Cost per Trainer: **R1,500**

What's Included:

- Comprehensive train-the-trainer materials
- ECD books and Play to Learn materials to support your training journey
- Meals and drinks provided for all 3 days
- A Certificate of Completion awarded after the 3-day training, qualifying you to become a certified trainer

Benefits:

Become a **Trainer and start earning an income** in the ECD field. Gain valuable skills and knowledge to effectively teach and train others in Early Childhood Development. Don't miss out on this opportunity to boost your career and become a ECD trainer!



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