ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Grade 12 Certificate

DURATION
3 Years (18 months theory and 18 months practical work experience)

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAMME ABOUT?
Educare equips you, the student, with theoretical knowledge and practical skills to work with children up to 4 years old and start your own creche. You will learn to identify signs and symptoms of child illnesses, learn the methodology of planning and presenting lessons, how to make equipment for class, how to deal with staffing issues, how to organise budgets, etc. Furthermore, the programme also includes continuous exposure to the industry – with students going out to schools once a week for experiential learning.

WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE OUT THERE?
- Assistant in Grade R class
- Managing own business (creche, playgroup, etc.)
- Centre manager
- Au Pair – employed privately to take care of children
- Taking care of babies and toddlers up to 4 years old – as a teacher
- Governance of centre – School governing body
- Manage finances of centre/creche
- Steer meetings - Agenda writing and minute taking skills

WHAT SUBJECTS WILL I BE TAKING?
FIRST YEAR
N4, First Semester
- Education N4
- Child Health N4
- Educare Didactics Theory and Practical N4
- Daycare Personnel Development N4
N5, Second Semester
- Educare Didactics Theory and Practical N5
- Business Management and Entrepreneurship N5
- Educational Psychology
- Daycare Communication N5
SECOND YEAR
N6, First Semester
- Educare Didactics Theory and Practical N6
- Educare Didactics
- Educational Psychology
- Daycare Management

WHAT DO THESE SUBJECTS ENTAIL?
CHILD HEALTH
Aspects of the physical care of children are very important and are covered in this subject, as well as pregnancy, birth and baby care.

EDUCARE DIDACTICS
The student will learn to work with children at all levels of development, as well as give mental stimulation to children of all age groups. The student also learns to create and make apparatus to help him/her in the playroom and classroom.

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
The student is introduced to various learning theories and will become aware of school readiness and different modes of early childcare delivery.

EDUCATION
This subject forms the foundation for effective education and prepares the student to give the correct support to the children.

DAYCARE PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT
Students gain knowledge about routine tasks at a daycare centre, and develop to his/her full potential.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
This subject advises students on how to start their own business through drawing up a business plan.

DAYCARE COMMUNICATION
The student is taught to use various forms of communication that he/she will need in the workplace. The emphasis in this subject is to show the importance of effective communication in the Daycare situation.

DAYCARE MANAGEMENT
This subject covers the managing of a daycare centre, including the financial, administrative and management aspects.