



SQA Level 5 Childcare Course Units – January 2026 – (Barrhead)

West College Scotland and ERC Adult Learning Services will be offering 2 Level 5 SQA units in Childcare in January 2026. Please read the following information carefully.

Due to high demand and limited spaces, we have introduced a new application process to ensure that this is the right course for each applicant and to ensure individuals are ready to work at SQA Level 5.

There will be some requirements to be accepted on to the course like basic digital skills and participants should also be able to read and comprehend documents with basic policies and theories related to Childcare.

The courses will start at the end of January 2026 and run each Thursday until June 2025. Both will take place in Barrhead. **There is no cost to participants.**

There will be a choice of 2 separate units:

Unit 1 Thursdays 9:30-11:45am [Children and Young People: Rights and Protection]

Unit 2 Thursdays 12.15-2:30pm [Contemporary Families]

If you are interested in applying for either of these courses, please use this link to provide us with your information. [Jan 2026 Adult Learning Services & West College Scotland Childcare Course Application Form – Fill in form](#)

If you meet the initial criteria, you will be notified by us in January and you will be invited to an information session with West College Scotland staff on January 22, 2026.

This session will include a short comprehension and written assessment set by the college. Based on that assessment the college will confirm if you have a place and invite you to register as a student with them.

If you are unsuccessful, Adult Learning Services can support you in other areas of learning which can help you prepare to apply for the next course.

Many Thanks, East Renfrewshire Council Adult Learning Service

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