



Curriculum for Excellence and Early Education and Childcare Courses

SQA Update from Care Scotland Team



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- ◆ Four capacities relate to all learning not just 3 – 18
- ◆ SQA through our qualifications aims to provide learners with opportunity to develop and enhance four capacities
- ◆ Qualifications Design Teams will build in such opportunities in the design and review of Units and Group Awards
- ◆ Opportunities will be sought through
 - Knowledge and skills coverage
 - Evidence Requirements
 - Assessment Guidance
 - Teaching and Learning Approaches



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- ◆ HNC Early Education and Childcare being reviewed next year
- ◆ General Aims include development of:
 - transferable skills
 - personal effectiveness
 - critical and evaluative thinking and
 - problem solving skills



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- ◆ Indirect links to 4 capacities – however, in future more explicit links need to be made
- ◆ External Verifiers supportive of this approach
- ◆ Interim arrangements:
 - SQA would encourage FE colleagues to look for opportunities to develop 4 capacities in their assessment and delivery approaches
 - Share good practice



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STOP PRESS:

- ◆ HND Childhood Practice validation event held 28th November 2008
- ◆ Two conditions to be met
- ◆ Should be on SQA systems by Feb/March 2009, with some centres piloting the award from then
- ◆ Care Scotland will hold launch events in May 2009 to work in with college start dates in August and Sept.
- ◆ The HND Childhood Practice, is the first HND in the sector and incorporates all our Early Years and Childcare awards to date. The award has been designed to articulate into SCQF level 9 qualifications for this sector.





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