



Self-Evaluation using The HighScope PQA for Infant & Toddler Children

What is HighScope?

HighScope is a well-established approach to early childhood education and care which is underpinned by developmental and learning theory and by long term research. It is an approach which identifies and builds on children's interests and abilities and is used internationally in a variety of settings.

Who is the course for?

The course is designed for those working with young children from birth to 3 years of age.

What does the course cover?

The Infant-Toddler Programme Quality Assessment (PQA), developed by the HighScope Educational Research Foundation, is a scientifically validated assessment tool used to evaluate the quality of early childhood programmes and identify provider training needs.

The PQA reflects research-based and field-tested 'best practices' in early childhood education and care and can be used by outside observers or by setting providers as a self-assessment tool. The PQA is appropriate for use in all childcare settings including but not limited to those using the HighScope approach.

This one-day course explores two PQA documents which provide specific, easily understood quality indicators with objective 5-point rating scales that define quality along a continuum.

The training will give the participants the opportunity to actively learn about the PQA's through individual small group, large group activities and discussions.