



- **B. A. Early Childhood Education and Care:**

The degree programme is offered in cooperation with vocational schools and colleges for social education and integrates the three year vocational education in child care. Of the 180 ECTS, 60 ECTS will be obtained by successfully completing modules at the cooperating vocational schools and colleges for social education. The content and competence to be acquired are subject to the cooperation contract that, in particular, includes the module content and examinations. Successfully completed modules will be transferred to the records of the Bachelor's Degree Programme "Early Childhood Education and Care". As an exception, it will be possible to sit an admissions examination – covering the modules usually completed with the cooperation partners, as defined in the cooperation contract.

The degree programme qualifies graduates for scientifically-based early childhood education and care, and enables them to initiate, support, document and evaluate care, developmental and learning offerings for children aged from 0 to around 10 years old. Furthermore, they are expected to cooperate with the parents and primary school teachers and are enabled to reflect the work done with the reference groups and institutions on a critical basis.

The modules focus on: subjects in the major orientations (mathematics, natural sciences, social science, aesthetic, movement and health), monitoring developmental and educational processes, scientific references of early childhood development and learning, key qualifications, management and organisation, plus practical work in early childhood institutions.

The key qualifications are based on communicating and promoting research competences, learning strategies and social competences. See the curriculum and examination regulations as well as the module manual. These can be accessed at www.hs-niederrhein.de/sozialwesen