

Assignment 1: Short answer questions

Weighting

This assignment is worth 30% of your final mark

This assignment requires you to answer two questions that will help you with Assignment 2. Ensure you answer every part of every question using a paragraph format. At the end of your assignment include a full reference list in APA format citing all the references you have used in your answers. Please number each question clearly and submit your answers for all the assignment questions and the reference list in just one document.

Paragraph format

Each paragraph should have 5 -7 sentences that explain or discuss one topic. Use the first sentence to introduce the topic. The following supporting sentences should contain enough detail for the reader to know what you are discussing. A final concluding sentence sums up what you have discussed. Use your own words to explain a concept or idea but always acknowledge the sources you have drawn on to inform and support these concepts/ideas using accurate APA referencing.

Question 1: Information gathering (1000–1200 words)

Mutch (2005) discusses human, textual, and electronic sources of information gathering.

Identify and describe a range of data gathering methods that early childhood educators can use to help their understanding of young children's learning and development. Ensure you describe both quantitative and qualitative methods of data collection; and observational techniques. Include Māori perspectives and Pacific Nations' approaches. Support your explanations with examples and relevant references to the set texts and course readings.

Question 2: Reflection on information gathering (500– 600 words)

Explain how ‘access to’ and ‘reflection on’ early childhood research and literature can help early childhood teachers assess and plan for young children’s learning and development. Include Māori perspectives and Pacific Nations’ approaches. Support your explanation with examples and relevant references to the set texts and course readings.