

Special Educational Needs Coordinators in Early Years Settings Level 3 Award

Study Mode: Part-time | Course Level:

Is this course right for me?

If you are interested in becoming a special educational needs coordinator (SENCo) in an early years setting, this is the qualification you are required to have.

As a SENCo, you will provide leadership and professional guidance to colleagues and work closely with staff, parents, carers, and other agencies to promote person-centred inclusive practice at which the interests and needs of pupils with SEN and/or disabilities are at the heart

Please note: SENCOs appointed after September 1, 2008 who had not previously been a SENCo for at least 12 months must achieve this qualification within three years of appointment.

Entry Requirements

To access this course you are required to:

- Be working or aim to be working as a SENCo
- Demonstrate you are working at a Level 2 in English
- Be prepared to undertake an English diagnostic assessment if you do not hold an English Level 2 qualification

What will I learn?

During the course you will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- SEN codes of practice
- Roles and responsibilities of the SENCo in an early years setting
- Strategies and techniques for supporting children and their families

What skills will I gain?

Throughout the course you will gain skills in:

- Communication
- Using ICT to research and complete assignments using a virtual learning platform
- Reflection, planning and prioritising
- Working within a team

How will I be assessed?

This is an assessment-based course and there are no exams.

You will be continually assessed throughout the course in the following ways:

- Assignments
- Case studies
- Oral and written questions
- Projects

What can I do next?

Successful completion of the course will enable you to work as a SENCo in an early years setting or progress to further qualifications in a range of areas, including:

- Childhood studies
- Community, youth and families
- Early years Health and social care
- Nursing
- Primary teaching
- Social work

Why study with us?

The course is flexible and is delivered through a blended learning approach by experienced staff who have worked within the sector.

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 23/02/2026

Day:

Time: 1 morning or 1 afternoon per week (day TBC)

Course Fee:

Course Code: Q4707

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