

Early Years & Education T Level

Study Mode: Full Time

Is this course right for me?

If you want a career in the early years sector, this new two-year T Level qualification will give you the skills and knowledge needed for a range of occupations, such as early years educator, learning mentor, student engagement officer or entry to higher education to commence primary education teaching degrees.

T Levels are an alternative to A-levels or an apprenticeship and are designed in conjunction with employers to give you the skills and knowledge they look for when recruiting staff.

As part of the two course you will complete an in-depth industry placement of at least 107 days (750 hours) in an early years setting. This will give you the chance to learn on-the-job, work alongside experienced employees and get a taste of what employment in the sector is like. As well as this you will put the skills you learn in the classroom into practice in the workplace and use your experiences in the workplace to inform your learning during lessons.

Entry Requirements

For external applicants:

To access this course, you are required to:

- GCSE English at Grade 4 or above
- GCSE Maths at Grade 4 or above
- GCSE Science trilogy at Grades 4,4 or above*
- Demonstrate how you have previously had good attendance and punctuality and a good attitude to learning

For internal progression learners (already studying with us):

Learners must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have successfully completed a relevant course that naturally progresses onto this programme, achieving a good standard
- Have improved their English and maths grades since enrolment
- Have maintained good attendance and punctuality
- Show a consistently positive attitude to learning

**Please note, students will only require Science at a grade 4 or above if their goal is to work in a primary school teaching setting in the future - HE routes for Primary school teaching will require this qualification. Therefore if the student only wishes to pursue a future career in an Early Years setting this qualification is not a requirement.*

What will I learn?

During the course you will study the following core modules:

- Understanding the education and early years sector (ages 0 -19)
- Child development
- How to support children and young people's education
- Safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing
- Understanding and managing behaviour
- Observing and assessing children and young people
- Equality and diversity
- Special educational needs and disability
- English as an additional language
- Working with parents, carers and wider families
- Working with agencies and services that support children, families and carers
- Reflective practice and other forms of professional development

In addition, you will be required to study one of the following specialisms:

- Early years educator
- Assisting teaching

What skills will I gain?

During the course you will gain skills and knowledge in:

- Supporting and promoting children's play, development and early education
- Developing relationships with children to facilitate their development
- Planning, providing and reviewing care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress
- Safeguarding and promoting the health, safety and wellbeing of children
- Working in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development
- Self-directed study
- Analysing and synthesising information/materials
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Working collaboratively
- Reflecting upon learning and identifying improvements
- Presenting information in written and verbal formats

How will I be assessed?

Throughout the course you will be assessed in the following ways:

- Exams
- Assignments
- Employer-based project

What can I do next?

Successful completion of the course will enable you to progress to a range of different careers or Higher Education qualifications, including:

- Early years educator
- Education technician
- Primary/secondary/tertiary teaching and support assistant
- Learning mentor
- Student engagement officer
- HNC, HND or Foundation Diploma
- Degree in a relevant subject
- Higher apprenticeship

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 07/09/2026

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: CP4017

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