

Early Years Studies Foundation Degree

Ideal if: you already have an Early Years qualification at Level 3 and want to increase your knowledge.

You'll learn: a variety of mandatory units including emerging developmental theory and research and leading and managing in the Early Years sector.

Expect to: develop your ability as a reflective practitioner, by exploring links between theoretical perspectives and current practice and learn how to think critically about current policy.

You'll love: still having the opportunity to work while putting what you learn into practice.

This 2 year full-time course is ideal if you already have an Early Years qualification at Level 3 and want to increase your knowledge. It is an ideal course for students who have a classroom assistant qualification who now want to learn more about children and their families. Students need to demonstrate they have previous experience with working with children before embarking on this Level 4 Foundation Degree.

The course, which is validated by the University of Gloucestershire, takes place over two evenings a week and one of these evenings is delivered electronically through web based activities and webinars. In addition, there are also three innovative learning weekends.

If you're not quite sure whether you can afford the time or the money to go onto a full degree course at a University, but still want to work towards that goal, then a Foundation Degree is the option for you. By enrolling onto a Foundation Degree you will still have the opportunity to work and put what you learn into practice.

All entrants must be employed (or undertaking substantial voluntary work) in the sector for the duration of the course.

The course is made up of the following mandatory units:

Year 1

EYF401 Learning and skills development

EYF402 Reflection on work based practice

EYF403 Children & young people's development & wellbeing

EYF404 Perspectives of childhood

EYF405 Contemporary challenges in safeguarding

EYF406 Beyond inclusive practice

EYF407 Moving to Outstanding.

Year 2

EYF501 Professionalism in the Early Years

EYF502 Emerging developmental theory and research

EYF503 Planning and Assessing children's learning

EYF504 Perspectives in play

EYF505 Partnership with parents

EYF506 Leading and managing in the Early Years sector

EYF507 Developing a Forest school

EYF508 Child initiated learning within the community.

If you need information about a loan for your fees and other related information contact The Student Loan Company www.slc.co.uk/services/higher-education.aspx

Please be aware we do require you to apply via UCAS <https://www.ucas.com//apply>

The UCAS code for this course is X310; the Institution code for Gloucestershire College is G45.

Please see Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy and Code of Practice available at <http://www.gloscol.ac.uk/about-us-and-jobs-at-gc/partnerships-and-governance/governance/policies> (subject to agreed amendments). Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy and Code of Practice has been written based on guidance from external bodies that regulate consumer law, customer protection and education standards. If you have any queries about either Gloucestershire College's Admissions Policy or Code of Practice, please contact Gloucestershire College's Admissions department via telephone 01242 532008 or applications@gloscol.ac.uk

Please note that modules could be subject to change but any such changes, to module delivery, would be in consultation with the students.

Entry Requirements

Apply now at www.gloscol.ac.uk or call 0345 155 2020

UCAS Tariff points 80

A Level Alongside a Level Three Apprenticeship or equivalent

Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma In Play, Learning and Development

CACHE Level 3 National Diploma Early Years Educator

Access to HE Diploma alongside Level Three Apprenticeship or equivalent

Statement (mature students criteria) Students with an apprenticeship qualification and two or more years of experience in the EY sector, will be considered without additional qualifications

GCSE/ O level English

GCSE or equivalent Mathematics

An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check is required. You must also be computer literate and have internet access and a PC with microphone and headphones to take part in webinar learning. This course must be applied for through UCAS.

What's Next

On successful completion of your course you can apply to the University of Gloucestershire to complete a third year to obtain a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Studies. In order to apply for this qualification you will also need to have achieved a minimum of grade C in GCSE Maths and English.

Completion of this course could support your progression on to nursery management.

Students wishing to progress into teaching and gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) would need to complete the BA Early Childhood Studies course before taking a Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) which comes with its own entry requirements. You will be able to discuss this during the final year of your Bachelors Degree as these requirements are under constant review by the Training and Development Agency for Schools.



Your Options

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Early Years Studies Foundation Degree (Full Time)			
Gloucester	31/08/22	30/06/24	5