

Early Years

Ideal if: you are looking for a career working with young children, but are not yet ready to take a Level 3 qualification.

You'll learn: how young children develop and the role of the Early Years Practitioner in this.

Expect to: study play and learning, children's development, working in partnership with others including parents and how to provide a healthy and safe environment for children, including safeguarding.

You'll love: the chance to gain practical experience working in a real workplace.

This course will give you the opportunity to learn about the role of the Early Years Practitioner in a childcare/education setting. You will also study child development and how to support children to learn early reading and writing skills. Other areas of study involve relevant legislation and current Early Years Curriculums.

The course is delivered by highly qualified and experienced teaching staff who have worked in the industry, as noted by a recent Ofsted report:

"In vocational areas, students have particularly good access to well-equipped accommodation and resources, as well as technically skilled and experienced teachers." (Ofsted, 2016)

You will be able to gain practical experience working in a real workplace, whilst studying the essential skills necessary to progress further. You may also be required to study English and Maths to improve your skills.

You will study a range of topics relating to the Early Years childcare/Education Sector. The topics you will study may include:

- Communication and Personal Development within the childcare/education setting
- Care routines for children
- Equality and Inclusion
- Supporting the creativity of young children
- Supporting children's play, development and learning
- Supporting the behaviour of young children
- Health and Safety and Safeguarding
- Working in Partnership with services and professionals who support young children
- The role of observation, assessment and planning in children's development and learning

You will be assessed through your course work and work placement performance which can take place in a variety of early years' settings. There is a dedicated Placement Officer who will help you find a suitable placement setting and will track and log your placement hours throughout the course.

You will need to complete and pay for a DBS check in order to attend the placement requirements of this course, which include achieving 250 hours at placement. You will do this by completing 2 days placement a week during term time throughout the course

This course is available at Gloucester, Cheltenham, and Cindeford, Royal Forest of Dean Campuses.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of three GCSEs at grade D or 3 and above

What's Next

Upon completion, you may progress on to a Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care.

Your Options

	Start Date	End Date	Course Level
Early Years (Full Time)			
Cheltenham	08/09/22	01/07/23	2
Early Years (Full Time)			
Forest of Dean	08/09/22	01/07/23	2
Early Years (Full Time)			
Gloucester	08/09/22	01/07/23	2