

## Early Years

Ideal if: you have a flair for building relationships with children and you want to progress on to university or enter employment working with children.

You'll learn: how to observe children and plan activities, health and wellbeing, legislation, curriculum frameworks and professional practice and development.

Expect: lots of support to reach your full potential, while learning all the practical skills to be an early years professional.

You'll love: our annual careers fair to meet industry specialists including employers, universities and employment agencies. Plus, placement opportunities which often lead to employment.

This course prepares learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years. You will study: • Health and well-being • Legislation frameworks and professional practice • Play development and learning for school readiness • Professional development

"Teachers set high expectations for all students, plan learning well and make good use of the results of initial assessment to meet students' individual learning needs." (Ofsted, 2016)

The Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) is a nationally recognised qualification which will enable learners to progress into employment with pre-school children.

The course is two years in length and you will be required to attend 2 different placement settings for a total of 750 hours during this period. The College Placement Officer will be able support you in finding these placements.

You will need to complete and pay for a DBS check in order to attend the placement requirements of this course.

Your performance in your placements will be assessed- alongside this there will be the assessment of knowledge through three externally set assessments, and ongoing coursework set by your class teachers. You will also undertake a longitudinal study, where you will follow and observe a child's development needs and interests.

You will continue to improve your maths and English skills to support young children in the workplace.

## Entry Requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grades A\*-C or 4 and above, including both maths and English. Or a minimum of five GCSEs at grades A\*-C including maths or English. Or an equivalent level 2 qualification in a relevant subject.

## What's Next

Upon completion, you may progress on to our Foundation Degree in Early Years Studies, or other Higher Education. If you choose to, you may progress into employment in day nurseries, schools and playgroups or as a nanny or childminder.

## Your Options

	Start Date	End Date	Course Level
<b>Early Years (Full Time)</b>			
Cheltenham	08/09/22	30/06/24	3
<b>Early Years (Full Time)</b>			
Forest of Dean	08/09/22	30/06/24	3
<b>Early Years (Full Time)</b>			
Gloucester	08/09/22	30/06/24	3