



Foundation T level Programme Early Years Practitioner - N116

The aim of this qualification is to prepare students to work with children between birth and five years with knowledge of children up to seven years or to progress onto the T Level in Education and Childcare or the CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce.

COURSE DETAILS

The course is rewarding, challenging and requires a great deal of commitment and motivation. Placement experience is an integral part of the course. In order to aid holistic delivery and assessment the units are structured around the following four themes:

- Theme 1: Introducing the role of the Early Years Practitioner
- Theme 2: Legislation, frameworks and professional practice
- Theme 3: Play, development and learning for school
- Theme 4: Professional development

Placements are required for achievement of this qualification. A minimum of 250 placement hours is required. Placements will be undertaken in at least 2 different settings to cover the age ranges.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

This is a Study Programme and applicants must be 16 or 17 years of age when applying (on or before 31st August)*. This is Government Guidelines.

Relevant Level 1 qualification or a minimum of 4 GCSEs including English Language Grade 4/C and 3 GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above (including maths).

Applicants should be ready to complete a substantial Early Years (0-5yrs) work placement

Satisfactory interview, assessment, school report and a positive references from your last place of education or training.

Satisfactory DBS

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To learn effectively on your course you will need to use certain items of equipment and undertake particular activities as part of your studies.

To further enhance your learning experience the following will be required:

- Uniform
- Disclosure and Barring Service Check Certificate

These come at an additional cost.

If you need support with these costs, don't worry, click on the link below and complete a bursary application form. <https://www.wmc.ac.uk/student-support/financial-support/bursaries-loans>

Equipment purchased will be yours to keep and you will be able to use them for practice at home and in your future career.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods.

This could include direct observation within the workplace, a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task set by CACHE*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At interview you will need to:

- Show evidence of current or projected GCSE results.
- Demonstrate level 1 English in the assessment and interview which includes speaking, listening, reading and writing.

- Complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service).
- Show that you are motivated, committed and have excellent punctuality and attendance.
- Provide your school report and reference.
- Present a Record of Achievement from your last school.

Are you aged 16-18?

Study programmes are full-time courses for 16-18 year olds which include:

- A qualification such as BTEC Extended Diploma
- Meaningful work experience or preparation for work
- English and maths, if you don't already have GCSE grade A* - C or Grade 4 or above in English and maths
- Non-study activities such as tutorials, voluntary work, fund-raising/charity work, sport or trips

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

When you have successfully completed your course you may be able to progress (although not automatic and ensuring Level 3 entry requirements are met) to the T Level in Education & Early Years qualification or other Level 3 qualifications, including apprenticeships relating to childcare. There are also many employment opportunities in the Childcare and Education sector, such as Nursery assistant, Classroom assistant, Pre-school assistant and Nanny.

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	N116Q001	

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 18th April, 2025 and may be subject to change.