T Level Technical Qualification in:

Education and Early Years

2 year course

Practical learning

Equivalent to 3 A Levels 750 hours minimum work placement

Industry experienced staff



T Level Education & Early Years

What will I learn?

The T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Early Years provides learners with the knowledge, skills and experience to work effectively within early years environments including day nurseries and primary schools.

Learners will attend college for 3 days a week and placement for 2 days in settings such as day nurseries, and Reception and Year 1 classes within a primary school.

As this is a licence to practice qualification, on successful completion of the course, learners are fully qualified Level 3 Early Years Practitioners who can progress straight into employment.

The course is also equivalent to 3 A Levels, therefore learners can progress onto a range of university courses including Primary School Education with Qualified Teacher Status.

Topics you will study include:

- Safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing
- Behaviour, parents, families and carers, & others
- Child development
- Observation and assessment
- Equality and diversity
- Special educational needs and disability

Examples of practical skills you will develop:

- Support & promote children's play, development & early education
- Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development
- Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress

- Safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children
- Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

How will I be assessed?

Core component (Year 1)

- paper A written examination 2 hours
- paper B written examination 2 hours
- employer-set project (ESP)

Early Years Educator Subject Specialism (Year 2)

- Assignment 1: 4 hour exam
- Assignment 2: Industry placement observations
- Assignment 3: Placement work and exam

What progression is there?

Typical progression routes into employment: Early Years Practitioner, Teaching Assistant, Nanny, Children's Holiday Club Worker (home/abroad), Children's Support Worker, Special Educational Needs Support Worker

Typical progression routes onto university: Primary Education with QTS, Early Years Education with QTS, Childhood and Youth Studies, Education Studies, Educational Psychology

Entry Requirements:

5x GCSEs at Grade 4-9. Students must have English Language & Maths at a Grade 4.

For Primary Education with QTS at university, learners must have a minimum of a grade 4 in Science.

Typical T Level entry requirement for university courses = Merit

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