

# T Level in Education and Early Years



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Education and Early Years	Level 3	Full-Time	2 years	September 2025

## Practical vs Theory



## The Course

Are you looking to launch a career within education or childcare? This course will give you the knowledge and skills you need. You'll enjoy the ultimate blend of theoretical study in the classroom, being hands-on in our state-of-the-art nursery with a fully equipped nursery room and a sensory room, while also working a minimum of one day per week in the industry. T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers to meet industry needs. They are a Level 3 qualification equivalent to 3 A Levels and offer you a balance of classroom theory, practical learning and a hands-on industry placement. You will spend 55% of your time in the classroom and the other 45% in the workplace. T Levels also carry UCAS points to take you on to university.

## Course Aims

> To provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training or study.

## What You Will Study

- > Supporting education
- > Safeguarding
- > Health and safety and wellbeing
- > Behaviour
- > Parents, families and carers
- > Child development
- > Observation and assessment
- > Reflective practice
- > Equality and diversity
- > Special educational needs and disability
- > English as an additional language
- > Early years educator OR Assisting teaching specialism

## Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and Maths. A satisfactory reference and clear Disclosing and Barring Service (DBS) check are also required

## Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through a mixture of practical and theory sessions with guest speakers, visits and links to placement.

## Time Required on Campus

You will normally be in college three days per week and one to two days in work placement.

## Work Experience

You will need to undertake 750 hours of industry placement during the two-year course if you select the Early Years Educator specialism, and if you select the Assisting Teaching specialism, you will undertake 315 hours.

## How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through exams, practical assessments and controlled assignments.

## Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Folder with dividers to organise your work and assignments.
- > A clear, enhanced DBS will also be required (applied for through the college)
- > A uniform for placement to include plain black trousers, shoes and a college branded polo shirt
- > Stationery including notepad for use in class, pens and pencils
- > A laptop or tablet will also be useful

## Careers

Upon completion of this qualification, you could progress to the a range of jobs within the education and childcare sectors, such as: Nursery worker Teaching assistant Learning mentor Childminding Childrens play centres Secondary schools Special educational needs teaching assistant Child Psychology Child Protection Officer