

T Level Education and Childcare - Early Years Educator

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Childcare & Education
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Course Code	AFP-CC3T-1100

Course Overview

Learners will study a 2 year Childcare & Education course that has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to meet industry standards. The course is a mixture of classroom based assessments and engaging with employers in a nursery, childcare setting or primary school. You will gain a valuable opportunity to put your theoretical knowledge into practice, spending over 60 days in industry.

Course Requirements

5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above including maths and English Language.

What You Will Learn

From exploring a range of different theoretical perspectives to analysing the thinking of key philosophers, on this course you will study the complex factors that affect children's lives and explore ways to positively shape and influence their futures. This qualification is current and relevant with progression routes, allowing you to gain a license to practice for employment or opportunities or Higher Education.

Assessment

Formative assessments will take place throughout the 2 year course.

2 externally set and marked exams.

Reflective journal.

800 hours in industry led placement.

Progression

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in early years education, childcare or assisting teaching. Students can progress into roles such as:

- Early years practitioner
- Primary school teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Learning mentor
- Special educational needs assistant
- Play worker
- Portage home visitor

Career Options

Completing a T-Level in Education and Childcare opens up various career options in the field of education and childcare. T-Levels are vocational qualifications designed to prepare students for specific careers. Here are some career options you can consider after completing a T-Level in Education and Childcare:

- Teaching Assistant
- Nursery or Preschool Assistant
- Childcare Worker
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Worker
- Early Years Educator
- Childminder
- Family Support Worker
- Youth Worker
- Play Therapist
- Further Education or University
- Educational Administrator
- Education and Childcare Consultant

The specific career path you choose will depend on your interests, additional qualifications, and the level of responsibility you wish to assume. It's important to gain practical experience through internships or work placements during your T-Level program to enhance your job prospects and determine the career path that best suits you.

Mandatory Units

Year 1

Wider context

Supporting education

Safeguarding, health and safety, and wellbeing

Behaviour

Parents, families and carers

Working with others

Child development

Observation and assessment

Reflective practice

Equality and diversity

Special educational needs and disability

English as an additional language

Year 2

Support and promote children's play, development and 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

Contact Details

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