

T Level Education and Childcare - Assisting Teaching

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Childcare & Education
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Course Code	AFP-CC3T-1200

Course Overview

T Levels are new two-year, Level 3 study programme that will follow the study of GCSEs and Technical Awards and offer an attractive alternative to A Levels and Apprenticeships. T Levels will combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum 315 hours of industry placement with an employer to make sure students have real experience of the workplace. The Technical Qualification (TQ) is the main classroom-based element of the T Level and will see students learning from a curriculum that has been shaped by industry experts. During the two-year programme, students will learn the core knowledge that underpins each industry and they will also develop occupationally specific skills that will allow them to enter skilled employment within a specific occupation.

Course Requirements

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

What You Will Learn

The course covers a wide range of topics including safeguarding, health and safety, child development, and supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Students will learn to support the class teacher in enhancing children's education both individually and in groups, plan and review educational opportunities in collaboration with teachers and other adults, and promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of children and young people. Additionally, the course emphasizes the importance of working with parents, families, and carers, understanding behaviour, and fostering equality and diversity. Graduates will be well-prepared to recognize, adapt, and respond to individual children's needs, including those with English as an additional language, ensuring they have access to the curriculum and can thrive in their educational journey.

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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