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Foundation Degree (FdA) Working with Children and Young People

Location	Stockport College
Course Type	University Level
Department	Childcare & Education
Start Date	Tuesday 8th September 2026
Duration	Full-time, Years
Time	-
Fee	£ 8000.00
Course Code	SFP-HE4J-1200

Course Overview

The Foundation Degree (FdA) operates in partnership with local employers and combines academic knowledge and practical experience, to enable students to support children and young people. A range of themes are covered, including social policy, youth justice, and health and well being, delivered by highly experienced tutors.

Working in the sector offers an opportunity to make a positive impact on both individuals and the wider community, and as such can offer a rewarding career.

Course Requirements

Whilst applications are considered on an individual basis, offers are usually based on a requirement to have:

64 UCAS points (those with 48 UCAS points will be considered for interview)

Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject

Other related level 3 qualifications

4 GCSEs at grade C (grade 4) or above, including maths and English

Access to Higher Education Diploma in a relevant area

Related work experience will be considered in the absence of level 3 equivalent qualifications.

Successful applicants must have 2 years experience of working with children and currently be working for a minimum of 2 days a week in an appropriate setting, paid or voluntary.

Students need a current enhanced DBS certificate, issued within 12 months of the start of the course. This may be applied and paid for at enrolment.

What You Will Learn

You will acquire knowledge and develop skills in areas and disciplines such as: child development, safeguarding, leadership and management, and teamwork.

Assessment

A range of assessment methods are used including reports, essays, presentations, and portfolios. Typically, each module comprises one assessment, carefully designed to support and develop skills in independent thinking and learning.

Progression

Upon successful completion, students may apply for a place on the BA (Hons) Level 6 Top up Childhood Studies, studied at the University Centre, Stockport College. This is validated and awarded by Sheffield Hallam University. The Foundation Degree is often used by students to help them secure promotion or change career pathways.

Graduates have progressed to careers in management, SENDCo roles, pastoral work in educational settings, social care and community work, family outreach services, and youth justice work. Alternatives include progression to professional qualifications, leading to careers in teaching in primary, secondary, or further education.

Career Options

Students are generally already in relevant employment, but many students use the Foundation Degree to help secure promotion, or to change career pathway. Previous graduates have progressed to careers in management, SENDCo roles, pastoral work in educational settings, social care and community work, family outreach services and youth justice work.

Graduates may pursue careers across a wide range of roles in the children and young people's sector, including:

- Early years practitioner
- Nursery manager
- Teaching Assistant
- Youth worker
- Residential support worker
- Support worker
- Behaviour support worker
- Learning mentor

Mandatory Units

At level 4 the following units will be studied:

- The reflective student
- Learning and development
- The enabling practitioner in the 21st century
- Working together
- Effective teamwork
- Specific needs

At level 5 the following units will be studied:

- Safeguarding in practice
- Leader and management
- Key issues in the lives of children and young people
- Research theory and practice
- The critically reflective student
- Social policy for children and young people

Exam Validation Body

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Hours Per Week

As a full time student, you will attend one day per week, spend two days in an appropriate setting and use the remaining time for independent study.

How Long To Complete

2 years

Programme Structure

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Contact Details

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