

Level 2 in Childcare



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Education and Early Years	Level 2	Full-Time	1 year	September 2026

Practical vs Theory



The Course

We provide a practical, real-world approach to learning for those who want to work with children from birth to seven years. The course has a strong practical emphasis, including extensive work experience to build up your knowledge and skills and support you to progress to the T Level

Course Aims

> and behaviours needed to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training or study

What You Will Study

> Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
Importance of play for early learning
Craft activities with young children
Young children's development
Use of food and nutrition information to plan and healthy diet. A route based project is also completed

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or D or equivalent, including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 1 qualification. A satisfactory reference and clear Disclosing and Barring Service (DBS) check are also required.

Teaching and Learning Approach

A mixture of practical and theory with guest speakers, visits and links to placement

Time Required on Campus

One year full-time, normally in college three days a week.

Work Experience

Minimum 120 hours work placement

How You're Assessed

Assignments and practical tasks

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

> For your course, you will need: 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.

Progression

Further study is available on the Level 3 course run at the college, subject to achieving GCSE Maths and English at grade 4 or above.

Careers

Level 2 qualifications provide you with the knowledge and skills you need for working under supervision in nursery and crèche care, in playgroup and pre-school environments, and in classroom support.