

Start Date
August 2026

Course Code
T10006

Duration
68 Weeks

Study Mode
Full Time

Education & Childcare T Level

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

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UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

The Technical Qualification is split into 2 component parts:

Core component: the knowledge and underpinning concepts, theories and principles as well as core skills for the education and childcare sector.

Core Components:

- Understanding the education and childcare sector from ages 0 to 19
- Child Development
- Supporting Education
- Observation and Assessment
- Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Wellbeing
- Reflective Practice
- Behaviour
- Equality and Diversity
- Parents, Families and Carers
- Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Working with Others
- English as an Additional Language

The Core Component also includes 4 Core Skills.

Core skills 1- Communicate information clearly to engage children and young people

Core skills 2 - Work with others to plan and provide activities to meet children's and young people's needs

Core skills 3 - Use formative and summative assessment to track children's and students' progress to plan and shape educational opportunities

Core skills 4 - How to assess and manage risks to your own and other's safety when planning activities

Occupational specialisms:

Early Years Educator. Students will only complete one occupational specialism. The occupational specialisms provide students with knowledge and skills required to enter employment or further study in the specific occupational area.

PO1: Support and promote children's play, development and early education

PO2: Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development

PO3: Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress

PO4: Safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children

PO5: Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Textbooks
- Stationery - ring binder, dividers, pens, paper, plastic wallets etc.
- Access to IT equipment
- Students are required to purchase uniform which consists of polo shirts and a fleece. You will also be expected to wear appropriate trousers, skirt and shoes. Childcare students need to be aware that excessive jewellery and nail extensions are not appropriate to the industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) including English and Maths; or Level 2 Diploma/Extended Certificate (NCFE CACHE) Pass and GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C) in English and Maths.

A clean DBS is required.

WHERE CAN THIS TAKE ME?

Students who achieve this qualification could progress to the following, depending on their chosen occupational specialism: Professional Early Years Educator, Education Technician, Primary/Secondary/Tertiary Teaching/Support Assistant, Learning Mentor, Student Engagement Officer, Nanny, Child-minder, or Playworker, or progress to higher education studying subject areas such as early years teaching, or a degree of your choice. You can also consider joining our Foundation Degree in Early Years.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There is a continued assessment throughout the programme, allowing students to improve and develop continually. Assessment comes in a range of forms including reports, practical assessment and observation, computer based examination, online assessments and presentations.

FEES

Students aged 16 to 18, or those aged 16 to 24 who have a valid EHCP and are studying a full-time course, do not have to pay a course fee.

Please note:

There may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits.
This information will be given at your interview and will be payable at enrolment.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply online for this course please visit www.esc.ac.uk.

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444 or at clientservices@esc.ac.uk.

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