

Childcare



Subject Area	Early Years & Childcare, Preparing for Learning & Work – Foundation Learning
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 1
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	David Hockney Building
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2026
Course Code	PA000054

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Course Summary

This qualification encourages an understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to care for young children. As part of the course you will study units linked to:

- Service Provision
- Principles and Values
- Safeguarding
- Person-centred Support

This pathway focuses on the skills required for working with children and young people in childcare settings.

What You Will Learn

Our experienced staff will deliver a variety of lectures, workshops and presentations alongside independent student research, some of which may include online delivery. You will develop skills using up to date industry research and practice all linking to caring for both children and adults. Visits and guest speakers are also used to help enrich your learning experience.

The course is based on a Programme of Study, which consists of:

- The Vocational Qualification itself
- A City & Guilds Employability and Personal Development Award
- English and Maths
- A Tutorial Programme
- Work Experience

Learners will study 3 core Employability units and three sector specific units over the duration of the course.

Modules

Employability Units:

- Keeping Safe
- Crime and it's Effects
- Career Planning
- Stress Management
- Team Work

Vocational Units:

- Service Provision
- Principles and Values
- Safeguarding
- Person-centred Care

Entry Requirements

Entry to this course requires GCSE English and GCSE Maths at a grade 2. You should have keen interest in either child or adult care.

Work Experience

30 hours of relevant experience of work are included in the course. Our students work in partnership with the National Citizens Service (NCS) programme which helps to develop key employment skills and behaviours needed for progression to work.

Progression

Successful completion of the course can help you embark on a career in a Childcare related area. The subject can be the beginning of the journey to your career in Childcare, such as Early Years Teacher, Teaching Assistant and Youth Worker, as well as generally working with children in various environments.

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