

# Foundation T Level: Education & Early Years



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Subject Area	Early Years & Childcare
Course Type	School Leavers
Study Level	Level 2
Delivery Mode	Full-time
Location	David Hockney Building
Duration	1 Academic Year
Start Date	September 2026
Course Code	PA000352

## Course Summary

### Get ready for an exciting journey into the world of education and childcare!

This Foundation T Level course is designed to give you the skills and confidence to work with children aged 0-11. You'll learn about child development, safeguarding, and how to create positive learning environments. With a mix of classroom study and practical experience, this course is the perfect stepping stone to the full T Level in Education & Early Years and beyond.

Successful completion of this course earns you the NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings.

### Why choose a Foundation T Level?

- Practical Experience – Gain hands-on skills through real-world learning alongside classroom study.
- Career Pathway – Designed to progress onto the Education & Early Years T Level and careers in teaching, childcare, or support roles.
- Future Leaders in Education – If you dream of working in nurseries, schools, or early

years settings, this course is your first step.

### **This course is ideal for you if:**

- You are interested in caring for and educating young children.
- You want to develop practical skills alongside classroom learning.
- You are considering a career in childcare, early years education, or primary teaching.

If this sounds like you, apply now and take your first step towards an exciting future in Education & Early Years!

## **What You Will Learn**

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### **Skills you'll develop:**

- Communication & Teamwork – Develop strong communication skills to work effectively with children, parents, and colleagues.
- Adaptability & Problem-Solving – Learn how to handle challenges and create supportive learning environments for children of different ages and needs.
- Confidence & Leadership – Build the confidence to engage with children and lead activities that encourage their learning and development.

## **Modules**

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### **Core modules:**

- Child development from birth to 11 years and 11 months
- Play and Learning
- Exploring Legislation
- The role of the childcare practitioner
- Nutrition
- Physical development & physical activity

## **Entry Requirements**

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Entry requirements are GCSEs at grade 4 in Maths and English Language. If you do not have a 4 in both we would accept a 3 in one of these subjects so long as you had a minimum of 4 in the other.

English and/or Maths will be included in your timetable if you have not achieved a GCSE at grade 4 or above in these subjects when you start your course.

## Work Experience

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### Kickstart your career in Education & Early Years!

Foundation T Level students on this course will complete 1 day each week of work experience where you'll dive into the world of work and gain the skills employers are looking for. You will:

- Get hands-on and work on real projects.
- Boost your confidence and learn how to plan tasks, meet deadlines, and make smart decisions.
- Collaborate with professionals and see how great ideas come to life when people work together.
- Understand how to maintain a safe and productive work environment.
- Be part of a workplace that values diversity and promotes equality.

With this industry placement, you'll have hands-on experience to showcase on your CV, demonstrating your industry skills to employers.

## Progression

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### After completing this Foundation T Level, you'll be ready to pursue:

- Progression to our T Level in Education & Early Years.
- Apprenticeships in Education and Early Years, and Teaching.
- Further study in education and early years related fields.

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