

# Early Years and Education

## Why study this course at Riverside College?

The teaching team at Riverside College have a vast experience and knowledge of the Early Years sector and will be able to support your studies with real life experiences to develop your practical skills to work with children. We have excellent links with our local employers who support our students through their placement experience. The Level 3 qualification not only supports you in becoming a successful Early Years Educator but that also prepares you for the academic requirements of university.

Students will study a wide range of subjects including practical care skills, observational skills, curriculum planning and safeguarding, allowing them to progress in a variety of careers in the Early Years sector including: Primary School Teacher, Early Years Practitioner, Au Pair, Nannying, Learning Support Assistant, Child Psychologist, Social Worker and working with children as a Childcare Rep abroad.

The Early Years and Education course is designed for people who wish to work with children between birth and five years with knowledge of children up to seven years. You will go on placement and learn practical skills in the classroom to support your time on work experience.

## Are there any costs associated with this course?

Students will be expected to wear a uniform (t-shirt/hoodies) in college and in placement. This is available to purchase at a cost of approximately £6.50 t-shirt, £11 hoodies (costs may change for 2022).

## Enrichment opportunities

Trips, visits and guest speakers from the sector, developing creative skills, taking part in the College wide enrichment programme, money raising for charities and placement opportunities.

## How will I be assessed?

You will achieve the qualification by completing a range of assignments for each unit. All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods; this could include direct observation within the workplace, a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task set by CACHE.

## Placements

Work experience and industry placements are an integral part of the Early Years and Education courses students will complete between 250 – 750 hours on the Level 2 and 3 courses. You will be required to organise a DBS for placement.

## The Early Years and Education department

The Early Years and Education department at Riverside College offers students exciting and innovative courses which will enable students to gain the nationally recognised qualifications which are essential to succeed in this industry.

## Outstanding Facilities

Early Years and Education fully functioning practice nursery including:

- Sensory area with lights
- Virtual dolls
- Children's toilets
- Creative and story area
- Changing area
- Roll play area



New for 2022:

**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



## Introduction to Health & Social Care and Children and Young People Level 1 CACHE Diploma - 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

You require a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9–2 including English Language and Maths.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Understanding of health and healthy eating
- Children's and young people's development
- Physical care of babies and young people
- Social care and community work
- Developing personal learning skills

### What will this course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course could lead to progression onto either the Level 2 Early Years or Level 2 Health and Social Care.

## Early Years & Education and Care Level 2 CACHE Certificate - 1 Year

### Entry Requirements

You require a minimum of 4 GCSEs or equivalent at grade 9–3 including English Language and Maths. Clear DBS.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Role of the early years practitioner
- Supporting children's development
- Legislation relating to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children
- Support healthy lifestyles for children
- Support children's positive behaviour
- 250 hours placement

Placement is a compulsory aspect of the course and ensures you are able to apply and practice the skills required to be successful in this industry.

This course is for people who wish to work in a supervised role with children between birth and five years with knowledge of children up to seven years.

### What will this course lead on to?

Successful completion of this course can lead to progression into employment as an assistant in a range of related job roles or for progression to a Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification.

## New for 2022: T Level in Education and Childcare Level 3 - 2 Years

### Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grades 9–4 including English Language and Maths. Clear DBS.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will cover topics including:

- Child Development Supporting Education
- Observation and Assessment
- Safeguarding
- Health & Safety and Wellbeing
- Reflective Practice
- Behaviours
- Equality and Diversity
- Parents
- Families and Carers
- Special Educational Needs

You will study in College three days a week and attend placement for the other two, you will complete a minimum of 750 hours placement. You will also complete 2 written examinations, an employers project and externally marked assignments.

### What will this course lead on to?

Practitioner in day nurseries, practitioner in nursery schools, practitioner in reception classes in primary schools, pre-school worker, home based childcare, nanny (home and abroad), Teaching or progression to university to study Primary School Teaching.



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