

## DURATION OF COURSE:

34 weeks starting Wednesday 1st September 2019, 13:30-21:00.

(Two years Full-time – although attendance is part-time, the course is classed as Full-time in recognition of workplace learning.)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Core GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) which must include English and Maths.
- Level 3 qualification for example DCE/NNEB or NVQ3/CCLD in Early Years Care and Education or equivalent.
- Applicants must be working in an Early Years/Childcare setting and normally have been employed within such a setting for at least two years, or have two years' previous experience in a work placement. Applicants must be involved in at least 12 hours per week of activity-focussed time with children.
- Agreement from the workplace/employer to support the student through workplace learning facilitations, including provision of learning and assessment opportunities required by the course.
- Clean DBS check.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

This degree course is awarded by the University of Chichester. The Foundation Degree in Early Years develops students understanding of theory relating to child development and reflective practice, as well as exploring topics such as Health and Wellbeing; Safeguarding and Understanding Behaviour. The growing demand for the Early Years Foundation Degree (FdA) reflects a national trend and the government's commitment to transforming the workforce. The course is designed for those looking to develop and take the next step in their career.

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

With combined theoretical study and practical work, you will develop an understanding of child development and reflective practice.

The Foundation Degree in Early Years Programme is delivered over two years. The topics covered are:

### Year One

(Level 4 on completion)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing Academic Skills</li> <li>• Child Development</li> <li>• Reflective Practice and Decision Making</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding Children</li> <li>• Working in Partnership with Families</li> <li>• Learning through Play</li> </ul> |
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### Year Two

(Level 5, Foundation Degree in Early Years on completion)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Babies</li> <li>• Understanding Children's Behaviour</li> <li>• Health and Wellbeing of Young Children</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Project (Option)</li> <li>• International Perspectives of Childhood (Option)</li> <li>• Inspiring Curriculum (Option)</li> </ul> |
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**ASSESSMENT:**

The learning outcomes of the modules are met through a mixture of taught sessions, student led seminars, workshop activities, individual reading and reflective learning, as outlined in the module descriptors.

Assessment includes written assignments, portfolios, poster presentations and reflective accounts.

**TUITION FEE:**

£5,800 per year in 2019/20. Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

**STUDENT LOANS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

Full-time and Part-time students from the UK/EU who are studying for a Higher Education course can apply to the Student Loans Company ([www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)) for a Tuition Fee Loan for the full amount (this will be paid directly to the College). Additionally, Full-time UK only students can apply for a Maintenance loan (to cover living costs). Part-time students are also eligible for a Maintenance Loan if they are studying an Undergraduate/Initial Teacher Training (ITT) course or a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).

Evidence of an approved loan must be provided at enrolment in the form of the Payment Advice letter provided by the Student Loans Company. Further details of how to apply for a Student Loan can be found at [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance).

**OTHER PAYMENT METHODS:**

If you are not eligible for financial support you will need to pay for the course privately which could include a contribution from your employer. For more information, visit: [www.esc.ac.uk/fees-and-student-loans](http://www.esc.ac.uk/fees-and-student-loans).

**WHERE CAN IT LEAD?**

This Foundation Degree is seen as an efficient and effective route for practitioners who wish to progress to the Early Year's teacher status or qualified teacher status - providing you meet any additional requirements.

Students are required to hold a GCSE grade 4 (C) or above in English, Maths and Science before progressing to Early Years' teacher status or qualified teacher status.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Applications must be made via UCAS at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) quoting our UCAS College code E32 – until Clearing is entered on 30 June 2019. If you have any outstanding queries, please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444, or email: [clientservices@esc.ac.uk](mailto:clientservices@esc.ac.uk).

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