



“A child is an uncut diamond.” *Austin O'Malley*

Overview

You will study a variety of different units during this two year course including child development, play, learning, understanding children with additional needs, observation techniques, assessment and planning.

You will also attend a placement for one day a week and a number of block weeks a year when you are there for a whole week. Placements include day nurseries, primary schools and baby rooms industries.

Year 12

- Unit 1: Child development for conception to seven years
- Unit 2: Children's health and well being
- Unit 3: Providing safe environments for children
- Unit 4: Child health
- Unit 5: Play and learning
- Unit 6: Children's additional needs
- Unit 7: Observation, assessment and planning
- Unit 16: Professional Practice Portfolio

Year 13

- Unit 8: Emergent literacy
- Unit 9: Emergent mathematics
- Unit 10: Preparing for school readiness
- Unit 11: International perspectives on childcare and education
- Unit 12: Reflective practice for professional development
- Unit 13: Professional partnerships in early years
- Unit 16: Professional Practice Portfolio

Assessment method

All units are internally assessed using a range of methods including written work, posters, leaflets and observations. All units are marked A*-D. There is one externally marked Effective Practice Study Task and one Extended Assessment task.

Additional information

In addition to homework you will also be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied. Independent study will include independent coursework towards your assessed assignments together with practical tasks.

You will need a copy of Hodder Education's 'CACHE Level 3 Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)' by Meggitt and Bruce (ISBN: 9781471843167).

Access to an internet enabled device is advantageous.

You will need to pay for and receive a satisfactory DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) to as a requirement for studying the course.

Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 4 to 9.

For more information contact

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Futures

Various roles within the childcare sector including Early Years Educator and further study at university.

Exam board