



Start year: September 2022

Course length:
1 years full-time / 2 years part-time

Campus: King's Lynn

Accredited by:
Anglia Ruskin University

BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies - Top Up



University Centre
West Anglia



COURSE DESCRIPTION

This exciting and fulfilling course is focused on further developing your knowledge, skills and understanding of contemporary issues in the childhood studies sector. The course blends theory with practice as there is the expectation that you will complete a placement or be employed in an early years setting or school for the duration of your studies. The multi-disciplinary programme prepares students for careers in early years education, primary teaching as a class teacher, early years management and leadership, family support, health and social services.

The third year top-up is taught by a highly experienced, professional team with expertise in the fields of education and the early years sector. It draws on external practitioners and experts in the field to provide specialist input. You will have the opportunity to explore theoretical perspectives and work based practice through lectures, workshops, presentations, work-based projects, electronic discussions and assignments. There is a strong emphasis on the development of ICT, communication and presentation skills. With a full BA Hons degree and appropriate entry requirements, you could progress into primary teacher training or early years teacher training both of which would require a further year of study. Some students decide to continue their studies moving on to masters level study in Education, Early Years, Social Work or other related disciplines. Some students progress into management posts in early years settings or full day care.





ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Assessment activities include a major project dissertation, written essays, poster presentations, portfolio building, group presentations, a creative writing task along with one practical activity to be carried out in the workplace or placement setting.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- GCSE English at grade 4 (C) or above
- Successful completion of FdA Early Years and Education or other relevant foundation degree from another HE provider.
- An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

COURSE COMPOSITION

How many days per week:

Full time - 1 day per week from 11 am / Part time -1 afternoon per week.

What days:

TBC, but likely to be either a Tuesday or a Wednesday.

Expected contact hours (per week)

6 hours attendance at university including lectures, seminar activities, study skills support and tutorials. 2 x full days in work or placement

Made up of:

2 x hours for each module studied including lectures, activities, seminars, discussion etc. 30 minutes of undergraduate major project support (up to maximum of 4 hours), 1 x hour of one to one tutorial support.

Expected self-study hours (per week):

Approximately 20 hours for 3rd year

Work placement:

If the student is not employed in the industry, work placement is expected in a school or early years setting of the student's choice.



Experience of course team:

Kathryn Le Serve spent many years working in various early years and school provision before working as an Early Years Advisor in Norfolk. She taught on various early years courses in the county before coming to teach at the College of West Anglia. Kathryn is Course Director for the BA Hons and the Foundation Degree and has been teaching on the degree programme for 14 years. Her areas of specialism include outdoor play and learning and early years pedagogy.

Jeanette Nowrung has been working in the early years sector for over 30 years. Currently she is the manager of 2 outstanding settings (Ofsted 2019 and 2020). She has been teaching at the College of West Anglia on a part time basis for over 25 years. Her areas of specialism include safeguarding, embracing diversity and leadership and management. Jeanette has taught on the degree programme for 16 years, currently teaching on the second and third year.

MODULES

All the following modules are compulsory to achieve the qualification.

Year 1

Module name	Credits
Undergraduate Major Project	30
Children's Rights	30
Early Years Leadership and Management Styles	15
Early Years Leadership and Management - Change Management	15
Interdisciplinary Perspectives	30



COURSE FEES

Tuition fees:

Full-time: £9,000 (2022-2023)

Part-time: £4,500 (2022-2023)

We set our course fees annually. As students pay a fee for each year of their course, the fees set for future academic years may be higher than those set in the 2022/2023 academic year.

For each future academic year of your course of study, your fees may be subject to review and increase on a basis in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) plus 3%. RPI is a measure of inflation published monthly by the Office for National Statistics which measures the changes from month to month in the cost of a representative sample of retail goods and services bought by consumers within the UK. This means that your course fees will not be increased each year by more than RPI + 3% from the previous year's fees and will not ever exceed the maximum amount that the government allows higher education institutions to charge students in the related academic year.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

DBS check: £50 (if needed)

Trip:

A trip to the Museum of Childhood is organised. Entry to the museum is free, the return train fare from Kings Lynn is approximately £27.00.



FURTHER STUDY AND PROGRESSION

Career opportunities

- After completing the BA Hons Early Childhood Studies (with a 2:2 or above and GCSE English and maths at C/4) you can progress onto primary teacher training in order to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). This generally requires a further year of study. Some students, depending on experience, study for their QTS while completing the third year of study.
- You could gain a place to study for Early Years Teacher status (with a 2:2 or above and GCSE English and maths at C/4).
- You may be able to secure an appointment as an unqualified teacher or as a HLTA.
- You may be able to secure an enhanced management role in your workplace or move to a more senior position with the sector.
- You could work in a family support within an early years setting or with families in crisis.
- You could progress onto masters level study in education subjects, Social Work or other related studies.