



T Level in Education and Childcare - Early Years Educator - EY301

If you like working with children then this is the course for you!

In the UK, the pre-primary education industry is estimated to be worth approximately £4.3bn growing steadily year on year meaning that skilled, caring and qualified professionals are in demand.

The T Level Education and Childcare qualification will equip you with the skills, knowledge and industry experience to start your journey in this rewarding sector.

Equivalent to three A levels, this two year technical qualification has been designed in collaboration with employers and businesses so you can rest assured that the skills you develop are relevant and in demand.

The course combines hands on learning, academic study and a minimum 21 weeks Early Years industry placement. It also gives you the opportunity to specialise as an Early Years Educator.

Source: IBISWorld March 2021

COURSE DETAILS

On this course you will develop a general understanding of the education and childcare sector:

- child development
- how to support children and young people's education

- safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing
- understanding and managing behaviour
- observing and assessing children and young people
- equality and diversity
- special educational needs and disability
- English as an additional language
- working with parents, carers and wider families
- working with agencies and services that support children, families and carers
- reflective practice and other forms of professional development

You will specialise as an Early Years Educator learning how to:

- Support and promote children's play, development and early education
- Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development
- Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress
- Safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children
- Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

You will also complete an Early Years industry placement with an external employer (750 hours).

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- T-Levels are equivalent to three A Levels. They are developed in collaboration with employers to ensure the content meets the need of specific industries and include a significant industry placement.
- You will need 5 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above. Two of the 5 GCSE's to be maths and English at Grade 4 (or functional skill level 2) or above.
- If you have achieved at least a merit in a level 2 qualification in the subject you want to study and have a maths and English GCSE at Grade 4 or above (or functional skill level 2) you can study at this level.

Satisfactory DBS

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Students will require access to a laptop, this can be provided by college if needed.

A placement uniform will be provided.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Two written examinations, an employer-set project and synoptic assignments. Students are required to complete and pass all components including their placement to achieve their qualification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A key component of this course is an extended work experience placement, totalling 750 hours over the two year programme. Wirral Met have excellent links with employers within the early years and education sector and will work with you to find the right placement for you.

You will be required to have a DBS check that meets your industry setting requirements.

Wirral Met also offer an employability package as part of this course where you will have the opportunity to develop the knowledge, understanding and essential skills employers look for in employees. These range from skills such as team working, independent learning and problem solving, to learning about:

- appropriate workplace behaviour and dress
- appropriate interpersonal skills
- communicating with professional colleagues/peers and/or hierarchical seniors
- supporting other aspiring employees
- personal manners
- understanding work practices and how different roles and departments function within an organisation

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

Students who achieve this qualification can progress either on to a university course, a [higher level apprenticeship](#), or enter into the following job roles in line with their Early Years Educator specialism:

- Nursery Worker
- Playworker
- Childminder
- Early Years Educator

Explore potential careers via [Career Match](#) — it provides current local data on wages and employment prospects.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

| CAMPUS | STARTS | ATTENDANCE | COURSE CODE | PLANNED TIME TABLE |
|--------|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | 10th Sep 2025 | Full Time | EY301-25 | |
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For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 01st September, 2025 and may be subject to change.