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Foundation Degree in Early Years Practice-Altrincham

Location	Altrincham Campus
Full/Part time	Full-time
Department	HE Early Years



Course Overview

The aim of the foundation degree is to provide a professional opportunity and a progression route to becoming a graduate. It is designed for people already working in the field of early years who already hold a level 3 qualification and have some post qualifying experience. It combines study with workplace learning. Students will make links between theory and practice, gain a deeper knowledge of how children learn and develop and explore aspects of social policy which affects children and their families.

Course Requirements

All applications will be considered individually however offers will usually be based on:

64 UCAS points (those with 48 UCAS points will be considered for an interview)

BTEC Level 3 qualification (2 years) in relevant subject

Other related Level 3 qualifications

Normally 4 GCSEs at grade C or above (or numeric score of 4/5 under newly reformed GCSE grading), including maths or English

An Access to Higher Education Diploma in relevant area

Related work experience will be considered in place of formal qualifications

You must have experience of working with children post level 3 and currently be working for a minimum of 2 days per week in an appropriate setting. This could be paid or voluntary.

You will also need a current enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) certificate that has been issued within 12 months of the start of the course. You can apply for one at enrolment, for a fee, if necessary.

Course Assessment

A range of assessment methods are used from reports and essays to presentations, academic posters and portfolios. Typically each module has one form of assessment attached to it. The assessments have been carefully designed to support and develop your skills in independent thinking and learning and you will gain confidence to offer a point of view.

Course Finance

Please contact the College for further information. All candidates who are accepted for the programme will be expected to produce a current, valid, enhanced DBS certificate. If they do not hold one, then they will complete an application form which will be forwarded to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a check under the Disclosure of Criminal Background – Protection of Children Act by the college staff. There will be a charge for this. ANY trips are an additional cost.

Course Includes

On this programme you will study the following modules:

Year One

- o The Enabling Practitioner in the 21st Century
- o The Reflective Student
- o Learning and Development
- o Working Together
- o Pioneers and Pedagogies; influencers in the Early Years Curriculum
- o Effective Teamwork

Year Two

- o The Critically Reflective Student
- o Safeguarding in Practice
- o Leadership and Management
- o Research Theory and Practice
- o Positive Relationships
- o Practitioners as Play Partners

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Course Potential Careers

Upon successful completion of the course, students have moved to managerial positions within their workplace. They can also apply for a one-year Level 6 'Top-up' to the BA (Hons) Childhood Studies at Stockport College, which is also awarded by Sheffield Hallam University. The majority of students choose this option to enhance their career progression opportunities further. For example, some students have pursued PGCE Primary qualification routes or EYTS.

Course Dates

September 2020 – June 2022

Course Times

To be confirmed

Examining Body

Sheffield Hallam University

Hours Per Week

Full Time (one day attendance). You will attend one day per week, spend two days in an appropriate setting, and use the remaining time for independent study.

Programme Structure

Foundation degrees are degree level qualifications which combine academic study with workplace learning. The Foundation Degree, Early Years Practice is aimed at employees working in the early years sector. It provides access to students wishing to proceed to a full honours degree.

Weeks

30-34 weeks