

## Higher Education Course Information Childhood Studies

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HNC Level 4 Early Childhood Education and Care																													
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<p>Providing a thorough grounding in early education and care principles, knowledge and behaviours at Level 4 that lead the student to a range of specialist progression pathways at Level 5, relating to individual occupations within the early education and care sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Equipping individuals with the essential professional practice skills required to develop as early childhood practitioners, that can be applied a range of roles and responsibilities in the sector</li> <li>● Enabling progression to a university degree by supporting the development of appropriate academic study skills and the selection of appropriate units for study at Level 4 and 5</li> </ul>																													
Typical Entry Requirements																													
<p>BTEC Level 3 or Cache level 3 childcare or other relevant qualification in a related subject – which is no lower than MPP - and equates to no fewer than 64 UCAS points.</p> <p>Access to Higher Education Certificate awarded by an approved further education institution.</p> <p>Related work experience and a genuine commitment (for mature applicants without formal qualifications) as well as completing a screening test to ascertain academic level. All applicants will be subject to a formal interview.</p> <p>Current Disclosure and barring Service (DBS) check.</p>																													
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<p>A range of teaching and learning methods including one-to-one tutorials, workshop-based practice, seminars and lectures, lectures, workshops, Virtual learning, guest speakers.</p> <p>You will spend significant time undertaking independent study. Throughout the course, considerable emphasis is placed on self-evaluation and self-reflection. Each full time stage/level of study is delivered over a 30 week period.</p> <p>The content is made up of four units, each with a value of 15 credits and two units each with a value of 30 credits. The course will be 360 Guided learning hours</p> <p>The Total Qualification Time for the Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care includes a requirement of placement or experience in early years’ settings. The mandatory elements of work placement/experience are as follows.</p> <p>A minimum of <b>two</b> different settings is required.</p> <p>A minimum of 75 hours in each of the following age ranges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● From birth to one year, 11 months.</li> <li>● From two years to four years, 11 months.</li> <li>● Five years to seven years, 11 months.</li> </ul>																													

**Staff involved in Programme**

You will be taught by an experienced and well qualified teaching team whose expertise and knowledge are closely matched to the content of units on the course. The team includes academics and professional

**Methods of Assessment**

The course will be assessed by: one to one tutorials, group tutorials, self-assessment and peer assessment. Assessment submission examples include essay, presentations, reports, academic posters, workplace observations

Formative assessment and feedback (verbal and/or written) is given at set points throughout the academic year: to discuss progress; to encourage reflection upon work to date; to highlight and identify any areas for further development and to suggest ways of improving work performance. Summative Assessment is conducted in accordance with the Awarding Body guidelines at the end of a module or series of modules and grades are submitted at specified times in the academic year

**Awarding Body**

Edexcel

**Location of Study**

Kirklees College Centre

**Course Length**

Full -time 1 year  
Part-time 2 years

**Regulations**

N/A

**Progression**

On successful completion of the Level 4 Higher National Certificate, students can develop their careers in the early education and care sector through:

- Progression to Level 5 Diploma
- Completing a higher apprenticeship programme
- Progressing to university to study a BA Honors Top-up in a relevant subject

**Tuition Fees**

TBC

**Additional Costs**

Cost of DBS if not already in place