

Level 2 Occupational Certificate in Early Years Practitioner



Course Level: Level 2

Campus: Newcastle

Subject Type: Care, Education, Nursing & Midwifery

Course Overview:

Do you want to make a difference to young children's lives?

This two-year Level 2 Occupational Certificate in Early Years Practitioner will help you develop the knowledge, practical skills and professional behaviours needed to begin a career in early years.

What's Covered:

You will learn about children's development, supporting learning through play, safeguarding, health and wellbeing and meeting individual needs. You will also explore how practitioners work with parents, carers and other professionals, while developing your communication and teamwork skills.

Within the course you will also study GCSE maths and English language (if required).

Entry Requirements:

You will need 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above. However, if you have a keen interest in the subject and commitment to succeed, your entry requirements will be discussed at your course discussion appointment.

Assessment Information:

You will be assessed through a combination of examinations (30%) and non - exam assessments (70%), using tasks linked to real early years practice. You will also need to demonstrate your practical competence during work placement.

The qualification is graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):

Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

The course prepares you for employment in a Level 2 early years practitioner role, with opportunities to progress to an apprenticeship.

What else do I need to know?

Alongside your college learning, you will complete around 250 hours of work placement in an early years setting, putting your learning into practice and gaining valuable experience.

As you will be working with children, you will need to have a clearance form which is called a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) in order to ensure the safety of the vulnerable children and young adults that you will come into contact with.

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact Caroline Badland-Jackson, Curriculum Leader in Early Years, by emailing: caroline.badland-jackson@nscg.ac.uk