FDA CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The FdA Childhood Education is an exciting opportunity for you to study education provided for children 0-11 years of age. You will gain all of the necessary skills to understand how to provide the support and guidance needed for a career in Childhood Education.

Level 5 · Foundation Degree · Truro College

TOP COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

EXCELLENT TUTOR SUPPORT | EMBEDDED VOCATIONAL PRACTICE | PROFESSIONAL PROGRESSION LINKS

TRIPS TO ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS | EXPERIENCED TEACHING STAFF

EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL PROGRESSION

Previous students of the FdA Childhood Education course have been able to successfully apply for a place on local SCITT Programmes, third-year top-ups on a range of Bachelors Degrees and have felt well prepared for Level 6 study.

WORKING WITH LOCAL SETTINGS

Our students undertake a work placement in the first and second year of the course, utilising links with local Primary Schools, Nurseries and Special Schools. We have dedicated links to TPAT Schools and provide a range of support to find the best placement for you

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Alongside the foundation degree, we offer additional opportunities to increase your professional development through courses including Paediatric First Aid, Safeguarding, Makaton and have links to undertake Forest School training.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

This course is focused on Primary School teaching but will teach the importance of the transitions from EYFS to key stage 1 through to key stage 2. It provides an introduction to a wide range of topics associated with childhood education including some of the more complex issues surrounding children and education today. The programme will enable students to develop their own teaching strategies and practice from this knowledge base. You will develop your understanding of childhood education through making clear and consistent links between theory and your own practice whilst undertaking a professional work placement.

Please be aware that due to government changes in June 2022 within the Early Childhood Benchmark statement by QAA, the FdA Childhood Education course is no longer on the approved list for providers for Early Years Practitioner Status for the Department of Education. Therefore, this foundation degree qualification does not cover graduates to be included within ratios within early years settings. If you require this to be an option, please apply for the FdA Early Years Practice which is recognised as full and relevant.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

This programme has been designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge base required to work in their chosen specialism or other graduate opportunities. It is also a platform from which students can undertake additional academic

and in some instances professional vocational qualifications. Programme Quality Handbook

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?

Upon completion of the FdA Childhood Education, students may be suited to work in a variety of settings and these opportunities within the education sector. Students undertaking the FdA Childhood Education may alternatively progress onto the following degrees:

- BA (Hons) Education and Training (Truro & Penwith College)
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies (University of Plymouth)
- BA (Hons) Education Studies (University of Plymouth)
- BA (Hons) Human Behavioural Studies (Truro & Penwith College)
- BSc (Hons) Applied Social Science (Truro & Penwith College)

Other institutions may also offer appropriate third year choices and students are encouraged to discuss other options with their Personal Tutor. Applications for progression will be subject to availability and must be submitted by the given deadline.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must have GCSE (or equivalent) Maths, English and Science at Grade C (4) or above. Together with one of the following:

- A minimum of 48 tariff points at A Level or equivalent Level 3 qualificatio
- Access to Higher Education: Considered on an individual basis
- Level 3 qualifications achieved in the workplace will be taken into consideration National and Advanced Diplomas in a relevant subject

Applications from mature students without academic credentials will be considered on an individual basis but must prove they are capable of Higher Education study.

IMPORTANT

Course information can change. Please use the QR code below for the current assessment arrangements, entry requirements and start dates.