

Childcare and Teacher Training

Access to Higher Education: Childhood Studies Level 3 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This intensive course starts in September 2024 and will be completed in June and is delivered over two full days per week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am-4.30pm. You are also required to spend one day a week in placement.

Entry Requirements

- You will need to be 19 years old when the course commences in September
- You will need GCSE English Language at grade C or above or Level 2 Functional English
- Whilst on the course you are required to undertake a one day voluntary placement in an Ofsted inspected environment each week
- Prospective students will be required to attend an interview prior to being enrolled on the programme and will be required to demonstrate sufficient fluency in reading and writing English

You will achieve

You can achieve Level 3 credits. To achieve the Access to HE Childhood Studies, awarded by [CAVA](#), you must achieve an agreed number of credits which is currently 60. 45 of these credits are at Level 3 (graded) and 15 are at Level 2 or Level 3 ungraded.

Course Overview

This course is excellent preparation for those who wish to train to be teachers or who want to study early years related courses at university. The course is especially designed for mature students who wish to study at university in the future but do not currently have the necessary academic qualifications to apply (always check directly with the university you wish to study at before you apply to us to ascertain whether this access course is the correct one).

Course Content

The following areas are covered:

- **Study Skills:** Covers all aspects of academic writing including essay writing, report writing, presentations and examination techniques
- **Personal Development; careers in Childcare:** Looks into a variety of career opportunities within the childcare sector and the skills required
- **Practical Childcare Skills:** You will identify different communication methods that can be used with children, adults and parents and look at the barriers to communication
- **Curriculum Frameworks:** You will be researching different curriculum frameworks, looking at theories of learning and planning and implementing learning activities
- **Safeguarding:** This unit covers and identifies the different types of abuse and the signs and symptoms. Including the impact of serious case reviews and how they shape children legislation

You will be expected to carry out a substantial amount of self-study in your own time. A mixture of study methods are employed on both programmes, e.g. lectures, group workshops and discussions to stimulate your interest and enhance your learning.

How will I be assessed?

You will be continually assessed on this programme through a wide variety of course work, e.g. an essay, a report, a presentation and/or group work. Although there is no formal examination, an end of module test is used to collect some evidence needed for assessment.

What Equipment Will I Need?

You will require stationery items.

Where will I study?

Church Street campus
Church Street
Barnsley
S70 2AN

What can I do next?

On completion of this programme, you could apply for training in a career such as teaching or Early Years.

Students wishing to apply to university are advised to contact the relevant admissions tutor with regard to the level of English and maths required for entry. Likewise students should check that the course is acceptable as an entry qualification for the degree programme they wish to enter.

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See what careers are available in the Childcare

[<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/Childcare-careers-2023-24.pdf>] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

This course costs £3,350. You can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to pay for this course. If you are aged 19-23 and this is your first full level 3 qualification then you may not have to pay for the course.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about further education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page '[paying for your course.](#)'

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>] . about eligibility and how to apply. You can also visit the Advanced Learner Loan [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/paying-for-your-course/advanced-learner-loans/>] page.

Advanced Learner Loans: Access to Higher Education (HE) courses

If you're undertaking an Access to Higher Education (HE) course and then go on to complete an HE qualification, the outstanding balance of your Advanced Learner Loan will be written off, once you have fully completed both courses.

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/sport/sports-academy/>] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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