



## Early Years

### FdA foundation degree

#### What will you study?

This Sector-Endorsed Foundation Degree in Early Years (SEFDEY) approved course enables you to combine academic study with learning at your place of work. It's run in collaboration with partner colleges and institutions across London and Surrey, which means you can study at a location that suits you.

The course covers a wide range of critical and contemporary issues in the field of Early Years education. It explores the voice of the child, international perspectives, child protection, pedagogical approaches, communication theories and multi-professional practice.

You'll reflect on theoretical and practice-based knowledge to support approaches to working with children from birth to five, with an appreciation of ages up to eight.

**If you do not already hold Early Years Educator Status from your Level 3 qualification, we offer the Early Years (with Early Years Educator) pathway which is classified as a 'full and relevant' qualification by the Department for Education.**

Once you complete this course, you can top-up your qualification to a full BA (Hons) degree, through one year's study at Kingston.

#### Year 1 Modules:

- Personal and Professional Development Through Reflective Practice
- Child Development, Observation and Assessment
- Child Protection and Ethical Practices Of Working With Children
- Inclusive Education and Interprofessional Perspectives
- Reflective Professional Practice Record (RPPR)

#### Year 2 Modules:

- Historical and International Perspectives Of Early Years Education
- Early Years Pedagogy and Practice
- Effective Communication Skills
- Special Project
- Reflective Professional Practice Record (RPPR)

### Why choose this course

- This course is recognised as a 'full and relevant' qualification by the Department for Education, valued by employers.
- You can earn while you learn. This course combines workplace learning (a minimum of 16 hours per week) with part-time study at a local partner institute (1 session a week). Once you complete the course, you'll have 240 academic credits.
- You will be assessed through a variety of assignments. There are no written exams.

### Assessment

Assessment is coursework based, including presentations, essays, reports, child studies, self-assessment and a special project. You will also complete a portfolio of assessed practice (RPPR).

### Careers and progression

You will be supported in your second year of the Foundation Degree to progress onto one of Kingston's one year BA (Top Up) courses, there are three to choose from. Upon successful completion of the third year, you will achieve an honours degree (360 credits).

### UCAS

X110  
X120 (Early Years Educator)

### Duration

2yrs

### International entry

Please see webpage.

### Campus/location

Employment-based, with attendance at local institute.

### Entry requirements

This degree is specifically designed for early years practitioners who have a Level 3 qualification.

If you do not hold Early Years Educator Status already, you will need the equivalent of 72 UCAS tariff points from your Level 3 qualification/s.

You must be working at least 16 hours per week with babies and children from birth to five years old within an early years setting.

You also require three passes at GCSE grade C/4 or above (which should include Mathematics and English Language) or a minimum of Level 2 Key Skills in Communication and Application of Number.

The selection process involves interview at your chosen institute, selection exercises and a current DBS check.

### How do I apply?

Submit your application online at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

### Course Fees and Financial Support

Course Fees for September 2024 are £7000 for your first year. Student Finance England can offer you financial support when you are studying towards a degree. You may be able to receive a range of financial help and support including a grant (which you don't have to pay back) and loan (which you do need to repay). You can apply for a student loan or get more information at: [direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://direct.gov.uk/studentfinance)

The university also allows for payments in instalments.

### Time

4 - 9pm

### Days

Tuesdays

### Location

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