



Doncaster
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MA EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES - ON CAMPUS AND DISTANCE LEARNING



MA Early Childhood Studies - On Campus and Distance Learning

The ever changing arena of early childhood policy and education makes this exciting programme of study suitable for anyone who has experience of early years settings, primary education or is a professional with an interest in this specialist field. There are significant opportunities for engaging with real, current issues, sharing of good practice and also networking, which makes the course thought provoking and stimulating.

Duration:

Three years part-time
(five study weekends)

Campus:

The Hub

Course Code: F449

Institution Code: N64

Awarding Body:

University of Hull

Entry Requirements:

One of the following:

- 1) 2:2 honours degree in a relevant subject specialism
- 2) Appropriate current work experience.

Career Opportunities

Career advancement in a range of sectors / Foundation Stage Manager / Senior Management Team / Senior Practitioner / HE Lecturer

Course Content

Children's services is a diverse sector and the MA in Early Childhood Studies offers a specialist programme that will attract those employed in early years, foundation and primary sectors including: owner/managers from the private, voluntary and independent sector. In addition, this programme will support the progression needs of those working in wider children's services in health or education.

The programme will provide a broad base of topic areas that will enable you to develop your ability to critically reflect and evaluate your own practice from an informed professional perspective.

You will study a suite of modules that focuses on the safeguarding and protection of children from the pressures and influences of modern day society. In addition, you will identify current influences that are shaping policy and informing practice locally, nationally and globally. The relationship between the politics of knowledge and the social constructions of teaching and learning are explored.

It will also develop enhanced awareness of macro, micro and international contemporary issues in order to clarify and determine priorities for innovative and enterprising projects within early childhood.

Key Topics

- Attachment Trauma and Therapeutic Play
- Children as Future Consumers
- Reflections in a Professional Context
- Effective Pedagogy and Child Development
- Small Scale Work-Based Research Project
- Major Independent Study.

Assessment

Your progress will be assessed through a variety of methods including observation, essays, reflective accounts and work based research.

Progression Routes

A masters qualification can enhance your career opportunities within education, social care, health or wider children's services.