

## T Level Education and Childcare - Early Years Educator

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Childcare & Education
Start Date	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Course Code	AFP-CC3T-1100

### Course Overview

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Learners will study a 2 year Childcare & Education course that has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to meet industry standards. The course is a mixture of classroom based assessments and engaging with employers in a nursery, childcare setting or primary school. You will gain a valuable opportunity to put your theoretical knowledge into practice, spending over 60 days in industry.

### Course Requirements

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5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above including maths and English Language.

### What You Will Learn

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From exploring a range of different theoretical perspectives to analysing the thinking of key philosophers, on this course you will study the complex factors that affect children's lives and explore ways to positively shape and influence their futures. This qualification is current and relevant with progression routes, allowing you to gain a license to practice for employment or opportunities or Higher Education.

### Assessment

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Formative assessments will take place throughout the 2 year course.

2 externally set and marked exams.

Reflective journal.

800 hours in industry led placement.

## Progression

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This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in early years education, childcare or assisting teaching. Students can progress into roles such as:

Early years practitioner

Primary school teacher

Teaching Assistant

Learning mentor

Special educational needs assistant

Play worker

Portage home visitor

## Career Options

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Completing a T-Level in Education and Childcare opens up various career options in the field of education and childcare. T-Levels are vocational qualifications designed to prepare students for specific careers. Here are some career options you can consider after completing a T-Level in Education and Childcare:

**Teaching Assistant:** T-Levels in Education and Childcare can provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to work as a teaching assistant in schools. You'll support teachers in the classroom, help students with their learning, and assist with administrative tasks.

**Nursery or Preschool Assistant:** You can work in nurseries, preschools, or early childhood education centres, providing care and support to young children. Your T-Level training will prepare you for this role, which involves helping with activities, ensuring children's safety, and supporting their development.

**Childcare Worker:** Childcare workers take care of children outside of school hours, such as before and after school or during school holidays. They provide a safe and nurturing environment and engage children in various activities.

**Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Worker:** You can work with students who have special educational needs, providing one-on-one support or working in a specialized classroom setting. Your T-Level education and childcare training will help you understand how to support these students effectively.

**Early Years Educator:** With additional qualifications and experience, you can become an early years educator and work in settings like day nurseries, playgroups, and preschools. You'll plan and deliver educational activities and monitor children's development.

**Childminder:** T-Levels can provide you with the knowledge needed to become a registered childminder. Childminders offer childcare services in their homes, providing a smaller, more intimate setting for children.

**Family Support Worker:** Family support workers assist families in need by offering practical and emotional support. They may help parents develop parenting skills and connect them with relevant community resources.

**Youth Worker:** While a T-Level in Education and Childcare is primarily focused on early years and primary education, you can still pursue a career as a youth worker, especially if you gain additional qualifications and experience working with older children and teenagers.

**Play Therapist:** With further education and training, you can become a play therapist, using play and creative activities to help children with emotional or behavioural challenges.

**Further Education or University:** You can use your T-Level as a stepping stone to higher education in

fields related to education, such as early childhood studies, primary education, or psychology. This can lead to careers as a teacher, educational psychologist, or researcher.

**Educational Administrator:** If you prefer a more administrative role, you can work in educational institutions as an administrator, managing records, scheduling, and other administrative tasks.

**Education and Childcare Consultant:** With experience and additional qualifications, you can become a consultant who advises educational institutions, childcare centers, or parents on best practices in education and childcare.

The specific career path you choose will depend on your interests, additional qualifications, and the level of responsibility you wish to assume. It's important to gain practical experience through internships or work placements during your T-Level program to enhance your job prospects and determine the career path that best suits you.

## Mandatory Units

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### Year 1

Wider context

Supporting education

Safeguarding, health and safety, and wellbeing

Behaviour

Parents, families and carers

Working with others

Child development

Observation and assessment

Reflective practice

Equality and diversity

Special educational needs and disability

English as an additional language

### Year 2

Support and promote children's play, development and early education

Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development

Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress

Safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children

Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

## Contact Details

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