



**Welcome to Childcare at Bury College
Level 1 and Level 2**



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The childcare team would like to wish you a warm welcome to Bury College, we are here to support you to be successful and enjoy your studies. During your course we will support you to develop the vital skills and qualities needed to assist you in getting a job in the childcare and education sector, or progressing onto higher education.

Throughout the course you will be developing your knowledge and practical skills in working with children.

You can be sure of a positive future with us, as you will develop your resilience, commitment, collaboration and communication skills to prepare you for the workplace.

This booklet has been designed to support your transition into college in readiness for a new exciting challenge

Please complete this booklet and bring it with you on your first day at college.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

The childcare team

What Bury College has to offer

Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children

This qualification is an introduction to working with children. You will study 14 units which are pass/refer and you must pass all units to achieve qualification.

Examples of units include:

- Healthy Eating for families
- Finding out about Forest Schools
- Craft activities for young children



Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

The Level 2 qualification allows you to gain employment in various childcare settings. The course consists of 14 units of work, graded Pass or Refer and you must Pass all units to achieve qualification. Please note that you will be studying more than one unit at a time as this qualification includes 50% of work experience in an early years setting.



There are numerous tasks per unit which may include presentations, leaflets, booklets, portfolios, assessments in the workplace and written assignments. Example of units include:

- EYP 1 Roles and responsibilities of the Early Year Practitioner
- EYP 2 Health and Safety of babies and young children in the setting
- EYP 3 Equality, Diversity & Inclusive Practice in Early Years settings

Follow the link to explore various childcare opportunities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rS8dVzGte-A>

Work experience.

The Level 2 qualifications include work experience, 50% of the course will be spent working directly with young children in an early years setting.

You will need to apply for a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) before you start college, you will be sent information on how to do this.

The Level 2 course has a set of 'Be Able To' criteria (BATs) which must be completed and achieved. You will be assessed in the workplace to ensure you are a competent practitioner.

Follow the link to find out all about working in a childcare setting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XmXILNFtOE>

Important skills and Qualities that an Early Years Practitioner should have.

Can you identify 5 skills and qualities that all practitioners should have to work with children

5 **Skills** needed to be an effective practitioner.

I have good communication skills



5 **qualities** needed to be an effective practitioner.

I am a caring person



Can you explain why these skills and qualities are essential when working with children?

Work experience

On our Childcare courses you will have the opportunity to go on work experience to develop your practical skills. This is an important element of your training. Work experience will provide you with all the practical skills you need to become an Early Years practitioner. Watch this you tube clip and follow Maria on her work experience.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HS9Ec4_PcUO



Now answer the following questions.....

What time does Maria arrive and leave her work experience?

Where does Maria look to find out about the planning for the day?

What does Maria have to do with her key child?

What course did her work experience send her on?

Why do you think this course would be helpful for an Early Years Practitioner?

This is what our students say about their work experience



Freya says 'It helps me to put theory into practice through hands on learning, enabling me to build positive relationships with the children and I find it rewarding when I can help the children to develop and progress'



Megan says 'work experience is enjoyable because I interact and learn about children's development and the way they see the world. It's also rewarding because I know I am supporting the children with reaching the next steps/milestones in their development'



Sumaya says 'what I enjoy about work experience is that I like looking after the children and playing with them and leading activities'



Jess says 'For my work experience I went to Eagley School House Nursery, I had been there before for volunteering in year 10 and 11. When I was went back this year I enjoyed seeing the staff and children again'

CREATIVITY

Being creative is an important skill to develop when working with children. You will need to be able to plan and prepare activities and ideas that will support the children in different settings and across the age ranges and. Creative opportunities should be fun and enjoyable but also allow the children to learn new things

On your childcare course you develop lots of practical ideas about activities to do with children

List as many different ways that you can be creative with children.

Creative Ideas	Resources to use	Age suitable for

Forest School Activity

You will carry out a task which could be done with children in a forest school environment or a nursery's outdoor area.



You will need:

-A piece of card

-String

-Scissors

-Natural resources

1. Use the scissors to cut small slits along both edges of your cardboard approximately 1cm apart
2. Wrap the string around the cardboard, securing it between the slits
3. Gather some of the natural resources
4. Weave the natural material through the string as shown in the picture

List 3 ways this activity could benefit young children.

1.

2.

3.

Research Task:

Can you find out what the forest school approach is and how it supports children's development?

Our Forest School at Bury College



We have an exciting Forest School at Bury College.

Forest school is taught with your childcare course to support you to develop your outdoor learning skills. To find out more about this approach to learning please visit the Forest School association website: [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)

Let's get Creative! Have a go at these ideas over the summer

Outdoor Mandala Art: Gather some natural materials, leaves, flowers, grass, pinecones, twigs and create a circular pattern s shown in the picture, get creative and take a picture of the finished product



Build a Fairy House/Garden: Using natural materials, design and create a fairy house/garden. Explain how this activity could support children's learning?



Childcare Adventures



Visiting Formby Beach in the Spring term

We have booked to see The Lion King at The Palace Theatre in November 2022



We went to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in June



We took part in Children In Need



We learnt Forest School skills to support children's development



We dressed up for comic relief



In June, we have a celebration to recognise all the childcare students' achievements over the year. We award prizes and say goodbye to students leaving for employment, uni or another course.