

QUICK GUIDE TO CHILDCARE

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Stamford
College

WELCOME

Introduction from **Janet Meenaghan**
Principal of Stamford College



Our aim is to give every young person the opportunities to achieve to the best of their abilities, so they can progress to further study with us, to find employment or an apprenticeship, or progress to higher education.

We are committed to ensuring our students get the best education possible and will do everything we can to help you achieve your goals.

We look forward to a successful partnership, working with you to ensure your success.

J. Meenaghan

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COURSES

Our Childcare and Early Years courses are designed to ensure you gain all the skills, knowledge and experience you need to work in the Early Years sector.

You'll have access to our on-site mock Nursery where you will study child development and learn activities and techniques to encourage play and learning in young children. You will learn from lecturers who have all worked in the industry themselves and can share their valuable experience and practice knowledge.

INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SETTINGS

Certificate Level 1

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

Diploma Level 2

CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

Technical Certificate/
Diploma Level 3



WHY STUDY WITH US?



STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

We have a dedicated Childcare and Early Years department which has all the equipment and space needed to achieve within the childcare and early years sector, this includes our on-site mock nursery. We also have a spacious library and comfortable wifi-enabled spaces to study and socialise with your friends.



ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITIES

The Childcare and Early Years courses are enriched with a variety of trips and visits in the industry. Take part in career days and other events to find out more about what's happening in this sector.



MATURE ENVIRONMENT

We treat our students like adults. All of our teachers have worked in the industry and are highly experienced within the childcare and early years sector.

CAREERS MAP

Set out on your path to a career in...

EARLY YEARS CARE

- Childminder
- Childcare Practitioner
- Early Years Educator
- Crèche Provider
- Playworker
- Nursery Manager

EARLY YEARS SUPPORT SPECIALIST

- SEN Co-Ordinator
- Safeguarding Officer
- Family Support Worker
- Development Officer
- Child Psychologist

TEACHING

- Special Educational Needs Teacher
- Teaching Assistant
- Early Years Teacher
- Primary Teacher
- Head Teacher



...plus so much more! Book an appointment with our Careers team for more ideas and advice!

INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SETTINGS Certificate Level 1

40% PRACTICAL VS THEORY 60%

Course Code: **FLDEYAP**
Duration: **1 Year Full Time**

This course will develop your knowledge and awareness of health, social care and childcare. You will learn about the principles and values, communication, working in partnerships, importance of play and healthy eating to support well-being and development.

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but an interview is necessary where you should demonstrate your desire to work in either the early years, or health and social care sector.

career progression. After successful completion of the course you can progress on to Health and Social Care Extended Diploma Level 2 or Early Years Practitioner Diploma Level 2.

What does the programme include

There are a wide variety of learning methods including written assessment, professional discussion, presentations and group and practical activities.

How the course will be assessed

You will be assessed by ongoing assessment throughout your course.

Progress to

This course will give you the opportunity to gain insight into the industry before making decisions about



EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER Diploma Level 2

50% 50%
PRACTICAL VS THEORY

Course Code: **DP2EYAP**
Duration: **1 Year Full Time**

The aim of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to seven years of age with applied knowledge in the early years (0 - 5 years).

The qualification content meets the Department of Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grades 3/D or above, including English and maths.

What does the programme include

You will learn through a wide variety of learning methods including written assessment, professional discussion, presentations and group and practical activities.

How the course will be assessed

The majority of the assessment is completed through on-going assessment.

There are no formal practical or theoretical examinations for this programme.

Course content

There are 14 mandatory units, these are:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner

- Health and safety of babies and young children in the early years
- Equality, diversity and inclusive practice in early years settings
- Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children in early years settings
- Understand how to support children's development
- Support care routines for babies and young children
- Support the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes
- Promote play in an early years setting
- Support well-being of babies and young children for healthy lifestyles
- Support babies and young children to be physically active



- Support the needs of babies and young children with special education needs and disability
- Promote positive behaviour in early years settings
- Partnership working in the early years
- Support the needs of the child in preparing for school

Progress to

Upon successful completion of this qualification, you can enter the workforce as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner or continue to study for a Level 3 Diploma holding Early Years Educator status. You may work under supervision in a variety of roles such as:

- Nursery Practitioner
- Classroom Assistant
- Pre-school Practitioner

Additional information

You will be required to complete a minimum of 250 hours work experience to support your studies. You will need to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Certificate 'with no grounds that you are professionally unsuitable to undertake professional practice or placement'. Application of a DBS is managed by the college and we will contact you with forms and guidance you require to complete this before you are due to start your course.



CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

Technical Certificate/ Diploma Level 3

80% **PRACTICAL** VS 20% **THEORY**

Course Code: **DP3EYAP**
Duration: **1 -2 Years Full Time**

This course will prepare you for further study at university, or employment working with children between birth and 7 years of age. You will study a range of units including the development, health and wellbeing of children, providing safe environments, play and learning, understanding additional needs, observation, assessment and planning.

Entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, including maths and English. Applicants who wish to progress to a career in primary teaching will also need a GCSE science at grade 4/C or above.

What does the programme include

This course will prepare you for further study at university, or employment working with children between birth and 7 years of age. You will study a range of units including the development, health and wellbeing of children, providing safe environments, play and learning, understanding additional needs, observation, assessment and planning.

How the course will be assessed

The majority of the assessment is completed through on-going assessment.

Course content

You will study the following units:

- Child development
- Children's health and wellbeing
- Providing safe environments for children
- Child health
- Play and learning
- Understanding children's additional needs
- Observation, assessment and planning
- Supporting emergent literacy and numeracy
- Preparing for school readiness
- International perspectives
- Reflective practice for professional development



- Professional partnerships in early years
- Professional practice portfolio

DBS is managed by the college and we will contact you with forms and guidance you require to complete this before you are due to start your course.

Progress to

On successful completion of this course, you can progress to university, or after gaining experience, the Foundation Degree in Professional Studies (Early Childhood) at University Centre Peterborough. You could also progress to careers in the Early Years sector as an Early Years Educator, Practitioner in Nurseries, Practitioner in Reception Classes, Pre-School Worker, Nanny or a Home-based Child Carer.

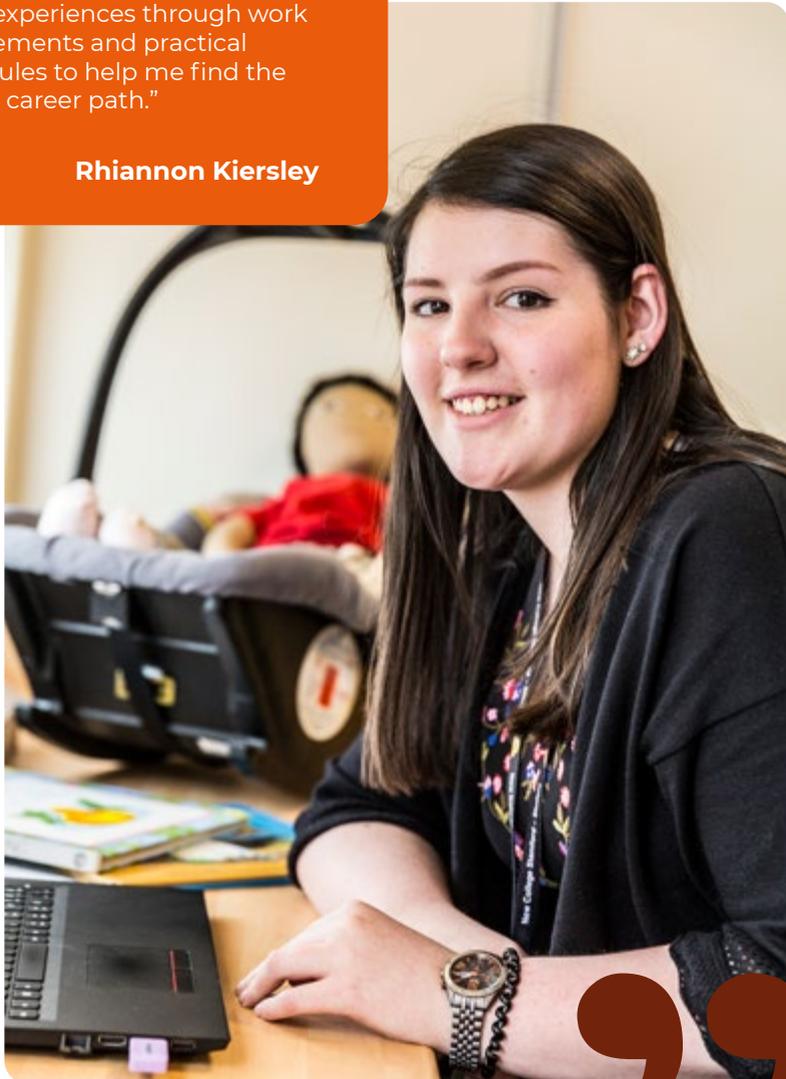
Additional information

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“I’m now heading to Leeds Beckett University to study Primary Teaching as I’ve gained real experiences through work placements and practical modules to help me find the right career path.”

Rhiannon Kiersley



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“Whilst studying my childcare course, I have learnt key skills as well as gaining valuable work experience. This course is perfect for anyone looking to progress onto university or into the industry.”

Bethany Goodyear

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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

We often invite guest speakers and partners from industry to meet and chat to our students.

We were pleased to recently welcome back Stamford College alumni, Sophie Greaves to speak to our Early Years students about Down's Syndrome.

Sophie's 3-year old daughter Evie accompanied her to the College. Sophie brought in Evie's first supporting shoes and insoles, as well as her first Makaton signing book and explained how she was able to support Evie's growth and development.

Our students had the opportunity to meet and chat to Sophie and Evie and ask any questions they had.

Opportunities such as this allow you to meet lots of new people, make invaluable contacts and ask all your questions about working in the industry. We encourage you to make the most of your time at College every step of the way.

Follow our socials to keep up with everything going on at College!



PROGRESSION ROUTES



We offer information, advice and guidance to support decisions about learning, training and work opportunities now and in the future. This includes:

- A specialist Careers Advisor
- A Personal Development Programme to develop study and employment skills
- CV Writing Workshops
- Dedicated UCAS Support
- Work Experience
- Personal Career Plan
- Mock Interviews
- Tips and talks from employers
- Dedicated Apprenticeship team to support applications

Personal Development Programme

Each term focuses on a different topic such as Careers and Employment, Prevent and British Values and Progression.

University Fair

We also organise a Careers and University Fair in preparation for the UCAS deadline where universities from across the country and our largest local employers are invited to meet students and support them with their next steps.



Ask us a question!



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