



# Children and Young People (Early Years) Foundation Degree

Sutton Coldfield College  
Awarded by the **University of Derby**  
Part-time over 3 years





The demand for highly-qualified practitioners to work with children, young people and their families is rapidly increasing. The need to utilize and develop the skills of current practitioners is vital to the growth and improvement of this rewarding and demanding sector.

## Overview

This Foundation Degree is designed for Early Years practitioners who want to develop their professional knowledge and understanding through a combination of theoretical and practical study. The course is delivered over 30 weeks commencing in September and January each academic year. An important part of the course is the ability to become a reflective practitioner, a skill which will be developed throughout the duration of your studies.

Lectures are three hours in duration and delivered by highly qualified staff who have excellent academic and practical backgrounds and experience in children's and young people's services.

You will be expected to undertake independent study for at least an additional 100% of contact time alongside lectures and seminars. An important part of the course is the ability to become a reflective practitioner, a skill which will be developed throughout the duration of your studies.

**The Foundation Degree consists of 12 modules over the three years. Some of these include**

- | **Higher Education Study Skills**
- | **Work-Based Reflective Practice**
- | **Ethical Practice Attitudes and Values**
- | **Integrated Services**
- | **Early Years Provision and Practice**
- | **Research Methods and Practice**
- | **Understanding Behaviour**
- | **Children, Young People's and Family Rights**
- | **Secondary Research**

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### Entry Requirements

You are required to hold a complete Level 3 qualification in a related subject.

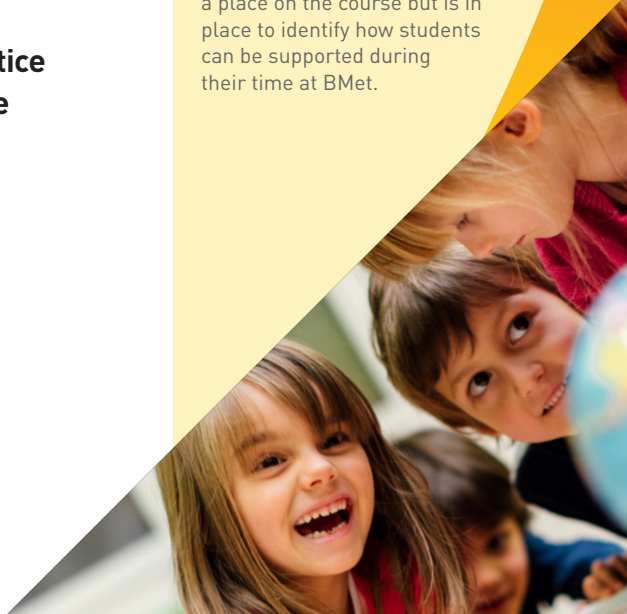
It is also desirable to hold a minimum of 2 GCSEs at Grade C or above including:

GCSE English: Grade C or 4 GCSE  
Maths: Grade C or 4 Level 2  
equivalents are accepted

### Non-Academic Requirements

You must be working directly with children aged 0-5 years in a voluntary or paid capacity for at least two days per week.

We encourage applications from students who do not meet the entry requirements outlined but can demonstrate ability through work experience, portfolio of evidence or successful interview. At the interview applicants may be set an appropriate piece of work upon which a judgement will be made. This written task does not inform the decision regarding a place on the course but is in place to identify how students can be supported during their time at BMet.



## Progression

On successful completion of the Foundation Degree, possible routes to further study include the following:

A Level 6 qualification - Sutton Coldfield College, part of BMet. Offer BA (Hons) Degree Child and Youth Studies (Level 6)

## Delivery and Assessment

You will learn through reflective tasks, work- based activities, presentations, tutorials and the use of online resources. There are no exams so you will be assessed using your work-based activities, creative presentations and essays.

Everything you study will be relevant to your everyday work. You will also have the support of a critical friend from your setting as well as the tutors at College.

## Career Opportunities

Demand is growing for qualified practitioners working in the Early Years sector. You will have the knowledge, understanding, and professional skills to progress in your practice and make an impact on service provision. Previous graduates were promoted to senior roles and others now lead practices.

Students can further their careers into teaching upon completion of a PGCE within the Early Years and Primary sector or complete a PGCE in the Further Education sector to help develop and qualify future Early Years practitioners.

