



Degree in Childhood Studies

BA (Hons) - 3 years (part-time available)

Course Overview

The childhood years are crucial to later learning and development. This course will give you the opportunity to explore the factors which influence childhood and how these can affect later development. The course will draw upon a variety of disciplines including sociology, psychology and educational studies in order to help us to understand the childhood years. You will be given the opportunity to combine both theoretical topics with hands-on, practical experience, thus enabling you to develop both the academic and the professional skills that are needed to work with children.

Course Structure

The full time duration of this course is 3 years but there is flexibility to study on a part-time basis. Some modules run through The Euphelia Clinic training programme in selected venues through Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion & Pembrokeshire for students who wish to access the degree as part of an outreach support programme. During the degree, you will study a combination of core and non-core modules, which you choose from those on offer. These modules are outlined below, with core modules in bold type:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Policies and Issues in Education* ● Child Development ● Young Children Learning ● Working with Play ● Play for Emotional Intelligence ● Early Years Provision: Principles and Practice ● Study Skills ● Introduction to Working with Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Psychology of Learning and Thinking ● Literacy in Young Children ● Research Methods ● Cultural Diversity in Education ● Bilingual Education ● Working with Children ● Work Based Learning ● Making Sense of the Curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Critically Reflecting and Evaluating Learning and Skills ● Major Dissertation ● Mathematical Development in the Early Years ● Children and the Media ● Special Educational Needs ● Health and Education

Exit Points and Qualifications

There are exit points after each complete year, so that if for any reason you could not progress to the next year you would leave with a named award.

- After 1 complete year of study
 - Certificate of Higher Education in Childhood Studies
- After 2 complete years of study
 - Diploma of Higher Education in Childhood Studies
- Full completion
 - BA (Hons) degree in Childhood Studies

There is also an opportunity to undertake a work placement to gain experience of working within an educational/childhood setting. The administration of this is organised during the first term.

Career Progression

Upon completion of this course, you will have a BA Honours degree. Such a degree demonstrates a level of intellectual achievement which allows students to compete for a variety of employment opportunities: specifically, the qualification would be an ideal basis for anyone wishing to work in any educational setting or in the social care profession. Completion of the Certificate or the Diploma is also likely to increase your employability in education: for example, as a teaching assistant.

Successful completion of this degree scheme could lead to progression to a one year primary school teacher training course (PGCE) subject to a successful application and interview. In particular, the course provides an excellent basis for progression onto primary PGCE and secondary PGCE schemes.

Entry Requirements

220 UCAS points or suitable equivalents.

