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### VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, RH1 2JX.

Two years, Full-time – days and times to be confirmed at interview (either Tuesday or Wednesday between 13:30 – 21:00). (*Attendance is part-time, although the course is classed as Full-time in recognition of workplace learning.*)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Core GCSEs grade 9-4 (A\*-C) which must include English and Maths.
- Level 3 qualification for example NNEB, CACHE Level 3 Early Years Educator or Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce, or equivalent.
- Applicants must be working in an Early Years/Childcare setting and normally have been employed within such a setting for at least two years, or have two years' previous experience in a work placement. Applicants must be involved in at least 12 hours per week of activity-focussed time with children.
- Agreement from the workplace/employer to support the student through workplace learning facilitations, including provision of learning and assessment opportunities required by the course.
- Clean DBS check.

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW:

Awarded by the University of Chichester, the Foundation Degree in Early Years develops students understanding of theory relating to child development and reflective practice, as well as exploring topics such as Children's rights, Childhood in Crisis, Special Educational needs, Safeguarding and Understanding Behaviour. The growing demand for the Early Years Foundation Degree reflects a national trend to improve standards through training and development opportunities and the government's commitment to transforming the workforce. The course is designed for those looking to develop and take the next step in their career, be that room leader, setting manager or as a path to access primary teaching.

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE:

With combined theoretical study and practical work, you will develop an understanding of child development and reflective practice. The Foundation Degree in Early Years Programme is delivered over two years. The topics covered are:

#### Year One (Level 4 on completion)

- Introduction to Early Years
- Child Development in the Early Years
- Children's Rights
- Play, Creativity, Expressive Arts
- Reflective Practitioner: Babies, Toddlers and Pre-School
- Safeguarding and Integrated Working in Early Years

## Year Two (Level 5, Foundation Degree in Early Years on completion)

- Understanding Children's Behaviour
- Curricula around the World in the Early Years
- Working with Families in the Early years
- Importance of Research in Early Years
- Childhood in Crisis
- SEND in Early Years

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION:

Foundation Degree in Early Years on completion of level 5.

### ASSESSMENT:

The learning outcomes of the modules are met through a mixture of taught sessions, student led seminars, workshop activities, individual reading and reflective learning, as outlined in the module descriptors.

Assessment includes written assignments, E-portfolios, poster presentations, case studies and reflective accounts.

### TUITION FEE:

£6,731 per year in 2025/26. Please be aware that there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

### STUDENT LOANS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Full-time and Part-time students from the UK/EU who are studying for a Higher Education course can apply to the Student Loans Company ([www.slc.co.uk](http://www.slc.co.uk)) for a Tuition Fee Loan for the full amount (this will be paid directly to the College). Additionally, Full-time UK-only students can apply for a Maintenance Loan (to cover living costs). The Government have also introduced the Maintenance Loans to Part-time students. Evidence of an approved loan must be provided at enrolment in the form of the Payment Advice letter provided by the Student Loans Company. Further details of how to apply for a Student Loan can be found at [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance).

### OTHER PAYMENT METHODS:

If you are not eligible for financial support you will need to pay for the course privately which could include a contribution from your employer. For more information, visit: [www.esc.ac.uk/fees-and-student-loans](http://www.esc.ac.uk/fees-and-student-loans).

### WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

Gaining 240 credits at Foundation level enables students to progress to the Honours Degree in Early Years (not available at East Surrey College). The Foundation Degree is also seen as an efficient and effective route for practitioners who wish to progress to the Early Year's teacher status or Qualified Teacher Status - providing you meet any additional requirements.

Students are required to hold a GCSE grade 4 (C) or above in English, Maths and Science before progressing to Early Years' teacher status or qualified teacher status.

### HOW TO APPLY:

Applications must be made via UCAS at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) quoting our UCAS College code E32 – until Clearing is entered on 30 June 2025. After this date If you haven't started a UCAS application yet, and only want to apply to the College, you can apply directly at [www.esc.ac.uk](http://www.esc.ac.uk) and we will process a UCAS application on your behalf.

If you have any outstanding queries, please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444, or email: [clientservices@esc.ac.uk](mailto:clientservices@esc.ac.uk).

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