



Course details

Course title

Foundations in Working in Early Years, Schools, and Colleges

Course code

Q00028360

Course date

Start: 11/09/26

End: 11/12/26

Number of classes

12 sessions

Timetable

Fri 11th Sep, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 18th Sep, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 25th Sep, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 2nd Oct, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 9th Oct, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 16th Oct, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 6th Nov, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 13th Nov, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 20th Nov, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 27th Nov, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 4th Dec, 12:30 to 14:30

Fri 11th Dec, 12:30 to 14:30

Tutor

Diana Barnsley

Fee range

Funding available - £192.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Whitehawk

Whitehawk Road

Brighton and Hove

BN2 5NS

Level of study

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Course overview

This course is funded by the Department for Education and only open to residents living in non devolved authorities. Foundations in Working in Early Years, Schools and Colleges gives you an introduction to the key principles and expectations of working in these three different education settings. You'll explore the unique needs of young children in early years environments, including the importance of play-based learning, warm and nurturing interactions, and creating safe, inclusive spaces where children can grow and thrive. You'll also learn about the roles, responsibilities, and professional skills needed to support teaching and learning in primary and secondary schools. This includes understanding how classrooms work, helping pupils make progress, and working together with teachers to create positive learning experiences. The course also introduces you to the structure and expectations of college settings, where learners are more independent and follow a wider range of academic and vocational pathways. You'll develop an understanding of how support roles change to meet the needs of older learners and how you can contribute to a successful post 16 learning experience. Throughout the course, you'll take part in practical discussions and interactive activities that help you build a clear overview of what it's like to work in each setting. You'll start to identify which pathway best matches your strengths and interests. This course is ideal if you're exploring career options, returning to work, or thinking about moving into education. It also provides guidance on your next steps, including further training and possible employment opportunities.

Course description

Foundations in Working in Early Years, Schools and Colleges gives you a clear introduction to three key education sectors. It's designed to support you if you're exploring career options or preparing to move into an educational support role. The course helps you understand what it's like to work in early years settings, primary and secondary schools, and further education colleges, showing you the different expectations, environments, and learner needs in each area.

The course focuses on how children and young people develop. You'll look at physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development and learn how these processes unfold at different ages. This understanding will help you use effective support strategies in real learning environments. You'll also learn about essential professional responsibilities, including safeguarding, health and safety, teamwork, clear role boundaries, and how to help maintain safe, inclusive spaces for all learners.

Throughout the course, you'll develop effective communication skills so you can build positive relationships with children, young people, families, and colleagues. You'll explore the importance of play in early years education, how classroom support works in schools, and how support roles adapt as learners become more independent in college settings.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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