



### Local Providers of Early Years Related Courses

	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Foundation Degree	Bachelor Degree	EYPS
Alton College <a href="http://www.altoncollege.ac.uk">www.altoncollege.ac.uk</a> 01420 592 200	•	•	•	•		
Andover College <a href="http://www.cricklade.ac.uk">www.cricklade.ac.uk</a> 01264 360 003	•	•	•			
Peter Symonds College <a href="http://www.psc.ac.uk/ace">www.psc.ac.uk/ace</a> 01962 886 166	•	•	•			
Brockenhurst College <a href="http://www.brock.ac.uk">www.brock.ac.uk</a> 01590 625 555	•	•	•	•		
Chichester College <a href="http://www.chichester.ac.uk">www.chichester.ac.uk</a> 01243 786 321	•	•	•			
Eastleigh College <a href="http://www.eastleigh.ac.uk">www.eastleigh.ac.uk</a> 02380 911 299	•	•		•		
Fareport Training <a href="http://www.fareport.ac.uk">www.fareport.ac.uk</a> 01329 825 805	•	•	•			
Farnborough College of Technology <a href="http://www.farn-ct.ac.uk">www.farn-ct.ac.uk</a> 01252 405 555	•	•	•	•	•	
FNTC Training & Consultancy <a href="http://www.fntctraining.co.uk">www.fntctraining.co.uk</a> 01983 559 322	•	•	•			
Isle of Wight College <a href="http://www.iwightc.ac.uk">www.iwightc.ac.uk</a> 01983 526 631	•	•	•	•	•	•
South Downs College <a href="http://www.southdowns.ac.uk">www.southdowns.ac.uk</a> 02392 797 979	•	•	•	•		
St Vincent College <a href="http://www.stvincent.ac.uk">www.stvincent.ac.uk</a> 02392 588 311	•	•	•	•		
Taunton's College <a href="http://www.tauntons.ac.uk">www.tauntons.ac.uk</a> 02380 511 811	•	•	•	•		
Totton College <a href="http://www.totton.ac.uk">www.totton.ac.uk</a> 02380 874 874	•	•	•	•		
University of Chichester <a href="http://www.chi.ac.uk">www.chi.ac.uk</a> 01243 816 000				•	•	•
University of Portsmouth <a href="http://www.port.ac.uk">www.port.ac.uk</a> 02392 848 484				•	•	•
University of Southampton <a href="http://www.soton.ac.uk">www.soton.ac.uk</a> 02380 595 000				•	•	•
University of Winchester <a href="http://www.winchester.ac.uk">www.winchester.ac.uk</a> 01962 841 515				•	•	•
West Wight Nursery & Training Centre <a href="http://www.westwightnursery.org.uk">www.westwightnursery.org.uk</a> 01983 759 129	•	•	•			



### Money Matters

Never let financial concerns stop you from considering Higher Education. There is plenty of support available for all types of courses, such as loans, grants and bursaries, which can be obtained from a variety of sources (too many to list here).

For a list of useful websites with information about everything from finance to course guides go to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lifelong Learning Network website at: [www.hi-lln.co.uk](http://www.hi-lln.co.uk)

### Contacts

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### Useful Websites

SkillsActive: [www.playwork.org.uk](http://www.playwork.org.uk)  
 SureStart: [www.surestart.gov.uk](http://www.surestart.gov.uk)  
 Learndirect: [www.learndirect.co.uk](http://www.learndirect.co.uk)  
 Nextstep: [www.nextstep.org.uk](http://www.nextstep.org.uk)  
 National Day Nurseries Association: [www.ndna.org.uk](http://www.ndna.org.uk)  
 National Childminding Association: [www.ncma.org.uk](http://www.ncma.org.uk)  
 Pre-school Learning Alliance: [www.pre-school.org.uk](http://www.pre-school.org.uk)

SureStart, Child Care Link: [www.childcarelink.gov.uk](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk)  
 SureStart, Working in Early Years: [www.childcarecareers.gov.uk](http://www.childcarecareers.gov.uk)  
 Department for Children, Schools and Families: [www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk)  
 Children's Workforce Development Council: [www.cwdcouncil.org.uk](http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk)

### Local Information

Your local authority is responsible for local planning and co-ordination of Early Years Education, Childcare and Playwork. They will also be able to give you information on local training, finance and childcare.

Local Authority	Telephone	Website
Hampshire	01962 813 887	<a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk/childcare">www.hants.gov.uk/childcare</a>
Southampton	0800 169 88 33	<a href="http://www.southamptoncis.org">www.southamptoncis.org</a>
Isle of Wight	01983 528 645	<a href="http://www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk/the_lea/early_years">www.eduwight.iow.gov.uk/the_lea/early_years</a>
Portsmouth	023 9269 5000	(No relevant local website)
West Sussex	01243 777 807	(No relevant local website)

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## Career Guide Early Years Education, Childcare & Playwork



### What is in this booklet?

This booklet has been designed to give an overview of the skills, qualifications and training needed for careers in Early Years Education, Childcare and Playwork and some of the jobs available in this field. There is advice for everyone (with or without qualifications) and useful contacts and websites with information aimed at people considering further study.

The University of Winchester leads the development of Childhood, Youth and Community Studies Curriculum Group on behalf of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lifelong Learning Network. Contact details for more information are available at the back of this booklet.

### What is the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lifelong Learning Network and how can it help me?



The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lifelong Learning Network is a partnership of universities, colleges, training providers and guidance agencies who together want to transform the opportunities for vocational and work-based learners in the region.

By focusing on the expectations of employers the Network works with education and training providers to offer flexible and work-related educational opportunities that will help individuals get the qualifications needed for specific jobs and careers.



### And Aimhigher...?

The overall vision of Aimhigher (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) is to make an effective contribution to widening participation in higher education in the South East region of England and thereby support the national campaign to increase participation for those aged 18-30 by 2010.

The activities of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lifelong Learning Network support the work of Aimhigher and together both organisations aim to improve the prospects of the region's learners, independent of their age or background.

### Why qualifications are important

Experience, training and appropriate qualifications allow you to work with children in a confident, enthusiastic way. They will prepare you to be able to help promote many aspects of children's development and respond positively to their needs.

Qualifications are available at different levels and generally are related to the type of job you do and the amount of responsibility you hold.

Practitioner experience and higher level qualifications allow you to take on leadership and management roles across a range of settings such as nurseries, pre-school/play groups, out of school clubs, day care settings, etc.

At present, the person in charge of an Early Years Education, Childcare and Playwork setting must hold at least a full and relevant Level 3 qualification.

Type of Provider	Qualification	Level of Job
Work Based Learning Providers Colleges	NVQ L2	Assistant Practitioner
	NVQ L3 BTEC National CACHE L3 Diploma	Practitioner
	NVQ L3 BTEC National CACHE L3 Diploma	Supervising/Managing others
	With work experience	
Further Education Colleges	NVQ L4	Supervising/Managing others
Universities	Foundation Degree (FdA)	Supervising/Managing others
	Bachelor's Degree with EYPS (BA) (EYPS - Early Years Professional Status)	Graduate Leader



Entry requirements for adults are very flexible. Generally, to do a **NVQ Level 4** you will need to have successfully completed a relevant NVQ Level 3 and to have gained further work experience, which includes supervision/management in a relevant setting.

There are many ways to get on to a **Foundation Degree**. You may have little in the way of formal qualifications, but plenty of relevant work experience that may be sufficient.

You may have successfully completed an Access to Higher Education Diploma.

You may hold relevant Level 3 qualifications such as NVQ, CACHE Diploma, Certificate or Award, BTEC National Diploma, Certificate, Award, A Levels, etc.

Whatever your position, you should talk with individual education institutions about their entry requirements.

Usually, entry to **Bachelor Degree** courses depends on you being able to demonstrate that you have sufficient Level 3 qualifications to meet the required UCAS tariff points for individual courses. UCAS tariff points vary for specific courses and are set by individual education institutions. Relevant experience can also count.

By 2010 designated Children's Centres must have one graduate leader. To be a graduate leader i.e. a leading practitioner, you will need a degree and either Early Years Professional Status (EYPS) or Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). You can get detailed information about EYPS from the Children's Workforce Development Council Tel: 0113 244 6311, Email: [info@cwdcouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@cwdcouncil.org.uk) and about QTS from the Training & Development Agency for Schools Tel: 0845 6000 991, Email: [www.tda.gov.uk](http://www.tda.gov.uk)

By 2015 every Ofsted registered full day care setting must also have at least one graduate leader.

Currently, to achieve EYPS you must also hold maths and English GCSEs (A - C). For QTS maths, English and science GCSEs (A - C) are needed.

### Early Years Education, Childcare & Playwork

This leaflet has been written specifically for adults who may be interested in gaining higher level qualifications relevant to working in Early Years Education, Childcare and Playwork.

You could be interested in working with babies, children or young people and you may wish to work in a setting outside the home or in the home (your own business). For example:

- Nursery Nurse/Officer/Assistant
- Pre-school and Playgroup Leader/Assistant
- Teaching/Classroom Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant
- Playworker
- Childminder
- Early Years Professional (EYP)

You can choose to work hours that suit you. Pay is set locally and depends on the setting and the hours you work. You will need a successful Criminal Records Bureau check and be physically and mentally fit to work with children.

### Do you have what it takes?

Here are some of the typical attributes expected of someone in this sector:

- Energetic
- Patient
- Enthusiastic
- Fun
- Takes responsibility seriously
- Really likes children