

Welcome to the University of Northampton.

**BA (Hons) Early Childhood
Studies and FdEY.**



We offer courses in the following areas:

- Childhood and Youth
- Early Childhood Studies
- Early Years
- Education Studies
- PGCE/School Direct Route
- Primary Education (QTS)
- Special Educational Needs and Inclusion
- Learning and Teaching

Early Years

Why study at Northampton?

- We are passionate about leading change which transforms the lives of children and young people both in the UK and internationally
- We have over forty years of successful experience in teacher training, education and research with a national and international reputation for our work in Special Educational Needs and Inclusion, and Early Years Education
- We strive to put the needs of children, young people and their families at the heart of everything we do.



Early Years

Nationally and internationally recognised.

- We are nationally and internationally recognised for our work in Teacher Education, Special Educational Needs and Inclusion, and Early Years, together with our flagship Centre for Education and Research.
- Our Early Years Teacher Status provision has received commendations for good practice in every national external review.
- We are proud to have been awarded Good or Outstanding judgements for every Ofsted inspection of our Initial Teacher Training programmes over the past ten years.



Early Years

An exciting time to work with children and young people.

- We are passionate about transforming the lives of children and young people and inspiring change, and we make a significant contribution to improving schools, education settings and practitioner achievements.
- Our high levels of student satisfaction and employability reflects the commitment of our staff to providing high quality teaching and learning, focusing on students as individuals.
- The programme provides a broad-based multi-agency academic and professional foundation for work with children and young people in a variety of settings. Leads to a range of career options, further study or research.



What is important to us.

- You and your learning
- Personal learning portfolio
- Case study children
- Placements
- Local visits and trips to London
- European visits (from approximately £370)
- International Opportunities
- Peer Mentoring



BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies course overview.

Entry criteria.

- Standard entry requirements apply. A typical offer is BTEC qualifications of DMM or A level grades of CCC.
- Applicants are expected to hold English and Mathematics GCSE grade C/4.
- Demonstration of commitment to Early Childhood Studies by having undertaken prior experience of working with children under the age of eight.
- Disclosure and Barring Screening (DBS) checks are undertaken.

Teaching style

- Small group lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Workshops
- Independent and group study
- One-to-one supervisions



BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies

What is the course about?

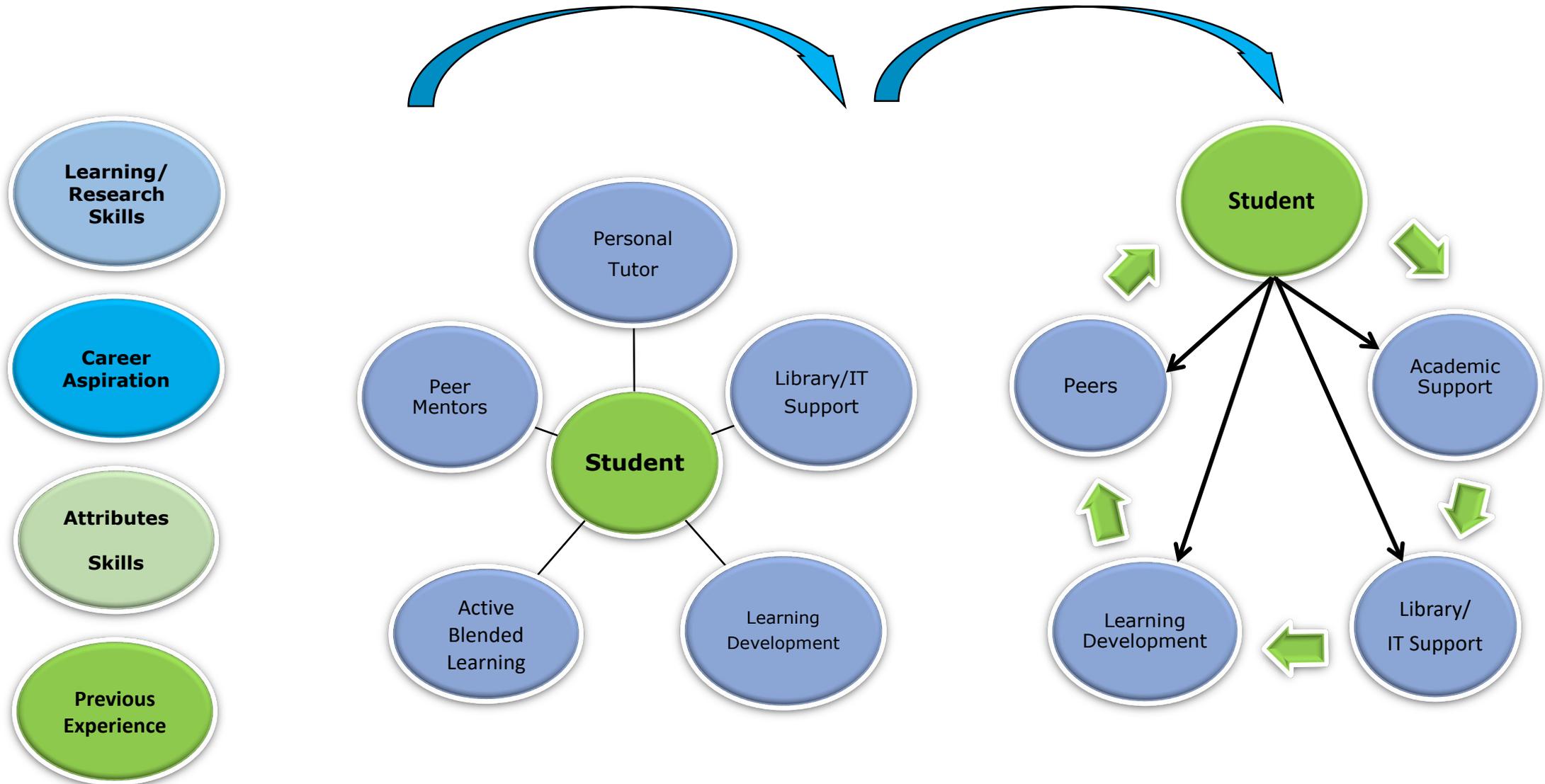
- Well being
- Law
- Families
- Child development
- Policies and Governments
- Holistic approaches
- Multi professional working
- Health
- England, UK, Europe and Worldwide
- Societies
- Cultures
- Child protection
- Education
- Care
- Observation
- Teaching and learning
- Poverty
- Professionalism

Graduate Practitioner Competencies

- ◉ An optional addition to your degree that will show that you have the skills, as well as the knowledge, to practice at Level 6.
- ◉ One of 21 universities implementing this national initiative for 2019-20



Transitional Bridging- Supporting your Journey into Higher Education



Integrated Foundation Year

- The Integrated Foundation Year at the University of Northampton is an opportunity for you to successfully study a **four-year version** of the **three-year degree** without the standard entry qualifications, whilst gaining critical study skills.



Learning & Teaching at Waterside.

- You will study in small interactive group sessions, enhanced by the latest developments in technology.
- Our Learning Hub, the heart of Waterside Campus combines resources, staff and learning spaces that would traditionally be separate.
- Waterside has been designed to give you a personalised learning experience, excellent opportunities to develop your academic experience and life skills.



Stage one.

Core modules

- Studying Child Development in the Early Years
- Children's Health and Wellbeing
- The Child, Children's Services and Law
- Work Based Learning in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Personal, Academic and Professional Development 1

Stage two.

Core modules

- Safeguarding and Looked After Children
- Children and their Learning (0-8)
- Personal, Academic and Professional Development 2
- Creative and Therapeutic Approaches in Children's Services
- Children and Society Part 1 (SEN and Inclusion)
- Children and Society Part 2 (Diversity)

Stage three.

Core modules

- Children's Services Dissertation
- Personal, Academic and Professional Development 3: Graduate Leadership
- Research and Inquiry in Professional Contexts
- Work Based Placement 3

Optional modules

- Specialist Option: Health and Social Care
- Professional Pedagogy in Early Childhood Education and Care

Some of our study trips.



Careers.



What our students say.

The law module gave me real underpinning knowledge of why policies exist in England

I learnt so much about the tiny details in observing young children and watching them grow and develop



I have had so much fun, have been so supported and I am confident in my practice

The opportunities have opened so many doors for me
- I now run a Children's Centre!

Foundation Degree in Early Years

Who is it for?

- This course is designed for practitioners working in all types of early years settings and roles within the birth to five age range.



Foundation Degree in Early Years course overview.

Entry criteria.

- Standard entry requirements apply. A typical offer is BTEC qualifications of MPP or A level grades of DEE.
- Demonstration of the ability to undertake intermediate degree level study, through prior qualifications at NVQ level 3 or equivalent
- English and Mathematics* grade C or equivalent (applicants unsure about this equivalence should still apply). *Maths is desirable and is required for Top Up (Year 3)
- A minimum of two years experience working within an Early Years setting
- A positive employer's reference from manager/Head teacher (or equivalent) stating their support for study during term time
- Applicants will be invited to interview



Foundation Degree in Early Years course overview.

Employer Support.

- You will need a reference from your employer or head of setting confirming your suitability for the course
- You will need to be released one day each week to study
- You will need to be support for the work-based elements of your course
- Your employer will be asked to provide a work-based mentor



Foundation Degree in Early Years course overview.

Teaching style

- Two years, one day release over an extended academic year
- A part time route is available
- Reading, directed study and work-based activities to complete between sessions
- Visiting tutors see you in your workplace
- Assessment is continuous and there are no written examinations
- A typical day of study may include: lectures, activities and group discussion, tutorials and student presentations



Stage one.

Core modules

- Professional and Academic Development 1
- Understanding Children's Development
- Health and Community

Stage two.

Core modules

- Professional and Academic Development 2
- Promoting Children's Learning and Development
- Children's Rights and Safeguarding
- Diversity, Disadvantage and Inclusion

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STUDY ANYWHERE

Every full-time undergraduate student starting their first year with us in 2020 will get their own laptop to keep as part of their fee – meaning you can study where and when you like.

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NO EXTRA COST

All sports clubs and societies are free to join at Northampton and every essential course text book is available via the library, meaning you won't have to purchase copies.

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THE FUTURE NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

If you've not landed a job 12 months after graduating, but completed a Changemaker programme alongside your studies then we'll find you a paid, six-month internship as part of our Northampton Employment Promise.

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FUNDED TRIPS

Many of our courses include trips that'll help you develop new skills, discover new cultures and explore new ways of thinking. We think that's really important. So we fund all travel & accommodation costs on any compulsory study trips.

Support.

We are here for you.

Personal Tutor.

- You will be allocated a personal tutor at the start of the year
- They are there to help you with every aspect of university life
- They'll be in touch at various point in the academic year
- You can arrange to meet them at any time

Money Matters.

- A range of scholarships and bursaries to support you
- Financial Guidance Team on hand to help you with any money queries from student loans to financial hardship, and budgeting to loans

Accommodation.

- Halls of Residence on campus, in the town centre and Boughton Green Road
- Private Sector Officer to give advice and guidance if you're looking to go into private sector accommodation

Health.

- Doctor's surgery on campus
- Counselling and Mental Health Team
- Additional Needs and Disability Support (ASSIST)
- Residential Life Team are there to support and advise students living in halls

Thank you.
Any questions?

