

The first step to the future

For practitioners working to support children's education and welfare



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Foundation Degree in Arts - Working with children: education and well-being

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The Foundation Degree Working with Children: Education and Well-Being is designed to meet the needs of practitioners working with children aged 0 – 19. This includes:

- teaching assistants in primary, secondary and special education
- practitioners working with children in early childhood care and education
- people involved in youth-work settings, residential and foster care

The Foundation Degree gives you an opportunity to use what you already know to gain a higher education qualification.

With the Foundation Degree you can:

- Gain credit for work-based learning
- Complete a higher education qualification while you work
- Broaden and deepen your understanding of your own role and of children's learning and development
- Be at the forefront of workforce developments in children's services
- Develop your study and ICT skills
- Open a door to a variety of routes into a career in fields such as education, social work, early childhood and youth work



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Foundation Degree programme at the Institute of Education, University of London

The Foundation Degree is a two year full-time course, but much of your learning will be centred around your own experiences. You will spend one day a week at the University and study in your own time but continue to be employed.

Your learning will be supported through:

- Teaching sessions at the Institute of Education
- Access to world-class research in the field
- Group and individual tutorials
- A programme in study skills and academic writing
- Work-based study tasks specially designed to make use of your current experience

There are no unseen exams, learning will be assessed through a combination of written assignments, work based study tasks, and individual and group activities.

You will take ten modules during your course – some of which are required and some of which are optional. Areas covered include:

- Growing up: aspects of development for children and young people
- Bringing up children: parents, care workers and the state
- Promoting the education and well-being of children and families with additional needs
- English and maths in the primary curriculum
- Broadening knowledge of the welfare state and integrated children's services
- Participation and rights for children and young people
- Creative development through art, craft and design
- Learning in diversity
- Contrasting perspectives on childhood and learning

Renowned scholars at the Institute of Education are working on a wide range of exciting projects. These include helping children with reading and maths; learning with computer games, art or music; children's friendships, family and cultural values; international education; life chances for looked after children; holidays for disabled children; international media clubs for young people; and communication methods with very young children. As a student on the Foundation Degree, you will have opportunities to find out more about new developments in all these areas. You will also have the opportunity to progress onto the third year of BA and BEd programmes. We are working with a selection of London based universities to offer seamless progression.

To begin the Foundation Degree you should normally have an NVQ Level 3 qualification or equivalent, however we will consider applicants who do not have traditional educational qualifications. You should also have at least two years experience of working with children. This could be as a teaching assistant, nursery worker, residential social worker, play worker, youth worker, foster carer or something similar. There is no age limit.

For an information pack and application form telephone Sally McCarthy, the Foundation Degree administrator on 020 7612 6327 or email FDEnquiries@ioe.ac.uk

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