



## Early Years

### FdA foundation degree

#### What this course offers you

This sector-endorsd Early Years foundation degree is a two-year higher education degree course, run in collaboration with ten partner colleges. It enables you to combine academic study with work-based learning. You will develop theoretical and practice-based knowledge for working with young children (birth to five years of age) in a variety of settings. On successful completion, you can progress to a work-based learning BA(Hons) top-up programme within the same sector.

#### What you will study

The course covers a wide range of theoretical perspectives and current issues in the field of education and other related sectors, which are relevant for those working in early years settings.

The course also explores international perspectives and latest developments within the field of early years. It provides a route into higher education for experienced and committed early years practitioners, enabling them to progress from Level 3 to a foundation degree. It combines work-based practice with theoretical knowledge.

This course enables you to 'learn as you earn' by combining a minimum of 16 hours workplace learning

with part-time study at Richmond upon Thames college, which is one of the local partner Colleges.

You will gain 240 academic credits on completion of this course.

#### Examples of modules

- Child Development, Observation and Assessment
- Inclusive Education and Interprofessional Perspectives
- Effective Communication Skills

For a full list of modules, please see the course webpage: [kingston.ac.uk/2019eyfd](http://kingston.ac.uk/2019eyfd)

#### Teaching, learning and assessment

Your course will be delivered at your local college. Teaching includes lectures, work-based learning activities, presentations, tutorials, online learning, workshops and seminars. In addition you will be supported by a work-based professional advocate and tutors.

Progress is measured by assignments, demonstration of professional competence in work-based situations, and practical demonstrations that apply the knowledge you have gained. There are no written exams.



### Careers and progression

This qualification is valued by employers. It is seen as a mark of professional excellence and expertise.

Once you have successfully completed this

foundation degree at Level 5, you can take a further year's study and top-up your qualification to a BA(Hons) degree at Level 6 at Kingston University.

After you have completed the BA(Hons) top-up, you will be well placed to pursue postgraduate opportunities and enhance your professional development in education and related fields.

Many graduates return to Kingston University for postgraduate and continuing professional development studies. These include Early Years Initial Teacher Training leading to Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS), the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) leading to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

*Please note: to progress to EYTS or QTS, you will need GCSE (A\*-C or comparable numeric scores under the newly reformed GCSE gradings) in English Language, Maths and Science.*

### UCAS

X110

### Entry requirements

- Level 3 early year's qualification (or equivalent).
- Normally two years' experience in an appropriate setting.
- Employment in an appropriate setting (either paid or voluntary) for at least 16 hours per week for the duration of the course.

The selection process involves interview at your chosen college, selection exercises and a current DBS check.

Please see course webpage for further details:

**[kingston.ac.uk/2019eyfd](http://kingston.ac.uk/2019eyfd)**

### International entry

Please see webpage.

### Duration

2yrs

### Campus/location

Employment-based, with attendance at local

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