

# T (Technical) Level in Education & Early Years

(3 A level equivalent course)

## Why study T Level Education & Early Years?

- Equivalent to 3 A levels, this programme combines learning in the classroom with hands on work-based experience. The T level qualification equips learners with core knowledge, skills and experiences that will enable them to work confidently in the industry or progress onto Higher Education.
- The programme of study has 2 components focusing on education and childcare: Core Knowledge and Occupational Specialism - Early Years Educator. English, maths, and digital skills are embedded throughout the course and learners complete an employee-set project.
- You will be in college for 3 days per week and in an industry work placement 2 days per week.



## Why study T Level Education & Early Years at Solihull Sixth Form College?

- We have excellent links with the early years sector and students have the opportunity to enjoy 750 hours of real-life, hands-on work experience.
- A variety of teaching methods and learning experiences will be used ranging from classroom-based activities through to lectures from visiting guest speakers.

### Case Study

This course launched in 2023 and we will have our first set of results in 2025. As such there are no case studies to share yet for the new T level course, however we currently run a very similar CACHE Diploma course in Childcare & Education. Among the recent successful students to have taken the Childcare course is **Elizabeth Casson**.

Elizabeth came to the College from Woodrush High School and achieved the highest possible grade of Triple A\*. She has progressed to Newman University in Birmingham to study Primary Teaching and hopes to become an Early Years teacher and a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.



## Course Outline

### Core Content :

1. Wider context
2. Supporting education
3. Safeguarding, health, safety, and wellbeing
4. Behaviour
5. Parents, families, and carers
6. Working with others
7. Child development
8. Observation and assessment
9. Reflective practice
10. Equality and diversity
11. Special educational needs and disability
12. English as an additional language



### Occupational Specialism - Early Years Educator:

1. Support and promote children's play, development, and early education
2. Develop relationships with children to facilitate their development
3. Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress
4. Safeguard and promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of children
5. Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers, and other professionals to support children's development.

## Assessment

The Core Component is 100% externally assessed. The Occupational Specialism components are also externally assessed through synoptic assignments, except for the observation element, which is internally marked and externally moderated. Examining Board – NCFE.

## Special Entry Requirements

In addition to the standard entry requirements - [www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements](http://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements) - a minimum of grade 4 in both English Language and Mathematics at GCSE is required. If learners wish to progress to Primary Teaching, a minimum of a grade 4 in GCSE Science is required. A clear DBS 'Disclosure and Barring Service' due to the industry placement aspect of the qualification is essential at approximately £68.00.

## Prohibited Options

None.

## What do our learners go on to do?

Successful completion of this industry recognised qualification means that learners can progress onto early years related employment:

- early years practitioner
- early years educator
- primary teaching and learning support assistant

Learners can also access higher education at degree level:

- Primary Education Degree
- Early Childhood Studies Degree.

## Coursework & Teaching Methods

Learners will learn through classroom based activities as well as taking part in external trips and visits. Teaching provides opportunities to develop core skills through a range of active and academic learning methods. Learners are also assessed in placement.

## Industry Placement

Learners are required to complete 750 hours across the 2 year course duration. Learners are fully supported to find placements.

## Other Information

Although the course can lead to direct entry into employment within the early years sector, learners may wish to progress into Higher Education and go to University. Below is an overview of the points that can be gained according to the grade achieved:

UCAS Tariff points	T Level overall grade
168	Distinction*
144	Distinction
120	Merit
96	Pass (C or above on the core)

### Examination Results

T level Education and Early Years was offered by the College for the first time from September 2023. However, we are including results for the last two years for the CACHE Diploma in Childcare, which is a very similar course. These outstanding results are as follows:

Year	Pass Rate A*-E%	A*-C%
2023	100%	100%
2024	100%	100%

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