



University of Brighton

School of Education

EARLY YEARS EDUCATION PGCert with EARLY YEARS TEACHER STATUS GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT-BASED ROUTE

These guidelines have been produced for anyone working in an early years setting looking to undertake postgraduate study in Early Years Education and enhance their skills to meet the Teachers' Standards (Early Years). This sheet sets out the criteria used to select candidates and offers guidance to support you make a successful application.

Are you a graduate currently working in an early years setting? Are you looking to undertake postgraduate study and improve your experience in order to meet the Teachers' Standards (Early Years)?

The University of Brighton's School of Education is now taking applications for Early Years Initial Teacher Training which will lead to the award of Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) and a PGCert in Early Years Education. You will also achieve 60 masters-level credits.

Early Years Teachers are graduate-level practitioners who recognise their role in improving the experiences and life-chances of young children and want to maximise their opportunities.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Training will be tailored to your individual needs in order that you meet the Teachers' Standards (Early Years). This will enable you to teach across the 0-5 age range with an understanding of the educational continuum of expectations, curricula, and teaching in Key Stages 1 and 2.

Training will include the following:

- placement experience with the 0–5 age group including a minimum of two weeks in a school in Key Stage 1
- reflective practice
- leadership skills
- visits from professionals in the sector.

Furthermore, taught sessions will enable you to engage with two masters level modules that will focus on:

- critical analysis of early years research, theory and policy
- reflecting on early years professional practice
- leading practice in early years.

DURATION

This course is part-time for one year.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Degree: A degree (300 HE credit points of which 60 must be at a level 6 of the QCF). Priority for places will be given to those holding a good honours degree.
GCSE: You will need grade C (or equivalent) GCSE English, mathematics and a science subject.

Experience: You will need experience of working in a setting with children in the EYFS.

Professional Skills Test: You will need to successfully complete the Professional Skills Tests in English and Maths, introduced by the Department for Education. These tests are compulsory, and it will not be possible to enter training without having successfully completed them.

FUNDING

The course is fully funded and a financial incentive is also paid to employers to support you.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Further details can be found online at the University of Brighton website: www.brighton.ac.uk/courses/study/early-years-initial-teacher-training.aspx

If you have any more questions about our Early Years Initial Teacher Training programme please email Helen Carter at eyitt@brighton.ac.uk

This new course is in the final stages of development and small changes may occur.