

Lead the Way - Become an Early Years Professional

The Full Training Pathway Route



Fact file

Course Length	12 months full-time
Start date	September
Location	Didsbury Campus or Crewe campus

Special features

- Fully funded course (no fees)
- £5000 bursary
- Opportunity to gain a Post-graduate qualification (credits towards a Masters degree)

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Early Years Professional Status

This course combines taught theory sessions with valuable work experience placements for graduates wishing to pursue a career working with children in the Early Years

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Shaping the future

The Government's response to the national consultation on the future of the children's workforce highlighted the need for further reform of, and support for, the early years workforce. In particular, the response identified the benefits of developing the role of Early Years Professional (EYP) and confirmed the Government's aim to have EYPs in all children's centres offering early years provision by 2010 and in every full day care setting by 2015.

What is an EYP?

Early Years Professionals are key to raising the quality of early years provision.

They are change agents to improve practice. They lead practice across the Early Years Foundation Stage, support and mentor other practitioners and model the skills and behaviours that safeguard and promote good outcomes for children.

Effective early years practice requires enthusiastic and motivated practitioners who recognise the needs of young children, and who can provide a warm, stimulating and purposeful environment. As an EYP you will demonstrate you have the vision and commitment to improve outcomes for young children and raise the quality of early years provision. You will gain official recognition of your skills in working with children and know that you will play a significant role in enhancing the quality of experiences offered to babies, toddlers and young children in your care. The EYP status gives you the opportunity to be at the forefront of this exciting new career pathway.

Who is it for?

This course aims to meet the needs of graduates who wish to work with children and pursue a career in the Early Years, but may have an unrelated graduate level qualification and/or limited experience with 0-5 year olds. Candidates are required to be innovative and enthusiastic about improving outcomes for children and also be committed to continuing their academic study.

Full Pathway - Course Structure

The EYP Full Pathway is located within the full suite of programmes delivered by tutors from the Early Years and Childhood Studies degree. Tutors have extensive experience of working in a wide range of social agencies and disciplines.

Candidates attend taught sessions throughout the year to enhance their knowledge and understanding of early years theories and policies and apply this knowledge on placement whilst gaining practical experience. Placements are arranged for candidates in a range of settings for a minimum of 18 weeks.

Candidates are supported with their professional development by highly qualified and experienced mentors and also have the opportunity to gain a Post-Graduate certificate as well as the EYP status on successful completion of the programme. The Post-graduate award carries credits towards a Masters Degree.

How will I be assessed?

The course is assessed against the 39 National Standards and involves:

- written tasks which deal with everyday practical situations
- a one day setting visit which includes an analytical tour, a scrutiny of supporting evidence and interviews
- each Unit on the Post-graduate Certificate is assessed through a written assignment

Funding

This course is fully funded by the Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC). In addition to this, candidates receive a bursary of £5000. This information is correct at the time of publication, for further information please contact the office.

Where will I study?

These courses are delivered at our Didsbury campus in South Manchester, or at our Crewe campus in South Cheshire.

How do I apply?

Download an application pack from www.mmu.ac.uk/eyp or contact us for an application pack.

The selection process includes an interview and an online English test.

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Entry Requirements

Degree	A degree.
GCSEs	English Language and Mathematics, Grades C or above, or equivalent (MMU offers alternative tests if you do not have these qualifications).
Other Requirements	<p>Be physically and mentally fit to work as an Early Years Professional.</p> <p>All successful applicants are required to apply for a CRB Enhanced Disclosure Certificate before going on placement; this is done with guidance from MMU. You may be withdrawn from the course if you do not have an acceptable Enhanced Disclosure Certificate.</p> <p>Appropriate experience with the age group birth to the end of the Foundation Stage.</p>
Overseas	Cambridge Proficiency in English, IELTS Band 7 or Pitmans Advanced in addition to the above.

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Case studies

Emma (Full Pathway 2009) had always thought about teaching but was also interested in the under 5's. With the introduction of EYP in the sector she felt it was an exciting time to be involved.

"The placement experiences gave me an insight into what working in a nursery was like and made me aware of the challenges such as the variety of working conditions and the importance of working with parents.

The Full Pathway at MMU gave me the opportunity to gain an academic qualification alongside the EYP and the support from the University in terms of lectures and mentoring was very good. Before finishing the programme, I was offered a job as nursery practitioner and I am now working as nursery manager. The EYP Full pathway gave me the qualification and experience to do this."



Natasha (Full Pathway 2009) has always enjoyed being with children and the opportunity to consider a change of career following the birth of

her son led her to consider the EYP full pathway programme.

She felt that the programme with its strong emphasis on practice would equip her with the necessary knowledge, experience and skills to pursue a career in this field.

"I would highly recommend the Full Pathway at MMU to others. The high level of teaching and the opportunity to gain valuable experience through placements has been very beneficial. My aim now is to use my skills as an EYP and establish my own day nursery."



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