

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

John Ruskin College, Selsdon Park Road, South Croydon, CR2 8JJ, 1 year full-time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- 4 GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) including English and Maths; or BTEC Level 1 Diploma Merit/Distinction and GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) in English and Maths or: Level 1 Diploma (NCFE CACHE) Pass and GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) in English and Maths.
- A clean DBS check.

PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES NEEDED FOR THIS COURSE:

- Empathy for others
- Compassion for others
- Ability to show respect and honesty towards others
- Responsibility for own behaviour
- Effective Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication Skills
- Excellent Time Keeping (Punctuality and Attendance)
- Ability to work individually and as a team
- Ability to reflect on own practice for development
- Ability to demonstrate own initiative
- Keen interest in the subject

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Early Years Practitioner – Level 2 Diploma

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces you to caring and supporting development for children and young people. Learn how children develop physically and emotionally, as well as how they learn to interact with others. Understand how to work with children aged 0-5 years and prepare for employment.

UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

- Roles and Responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- Health and Safety of Babies and Young Children in the Early Years
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusive Practice in Early Years Settings
- Safeguarding, Protection, and Welfare of Babies and Young Children in Early Years Settings
- Understand How to Support Children's Development
- Support Care Routines for Babies and Young Children
- Support the Planning and Delivery of Activities, Purposeful Play Opportunities and Educational Programmes

- Promote Play in an Early Years Setting
- Support Well-Being of Babies and Young Children for Healthy Lifestyles
- Support Babies and Young Children to be Physically Active
- Support the Needs of Babies and Young Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Promote Positive Behaviour in Early Years Settings
- Partnership Working in the Early Years
- Support the Needs of the Child in Preparing for School

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

Coursework, practical work placements (minimum 250 hours work experience), and placement observations.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Textbook
- Stationery – ring binder, dividers, pens, paper, plastic wallets etc
- You will also be expected to wear appropriate clothing to meet sector expectations. Early years students need to be aware that excessive jewellery and nail extensions are also not appropriate to the industry.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

- Early Years Educator Level 3 (NCFE CACHE)
- Health & Social Care Level 3 Extended Diploma
- Career as a Nursery Practitioner

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31/08/2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility.

Please be aware there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 020 8651 1131 or at clientservices@johnruskin.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course please visit www.johnruskin.ac.uk.

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