



Tameside College

Foundation Degree (Teaching Assistants / Early Years)



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The Foundation Degree in Teaching Assistants / Early Years is an employment based qualification and the course duration is 3 years one evening a week (TBC).

In the first year, all learners will complete 80 credits (20 in each of the topics at level 4):

- **Practice Based Enquiry**
- **Promoting Positive Relationships (Behaviour)**
- **Fostering Positive Relationships**
- **Safeguarding Children**



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In the second year, the strands are separated:

Early Years

- **Understanding the Development of the Child**
- **The Importance of Play in the Early Years**
- **Communication and Early Years Practice**
- **Enabling Environments**

Teaching Assistant

- **Supporting Learning and Teaching**
- **Effective Learning Environments**
- **Creativity and Learning**
- **Learning through ICT**

In the final year, both stands will cover the following units:

- **Practice Based Enquiry (2)**
- **Special Educational Needs and Disability**
- **Inclusive Practice and Diversity**
- **The Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People**



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How will I be assessed?

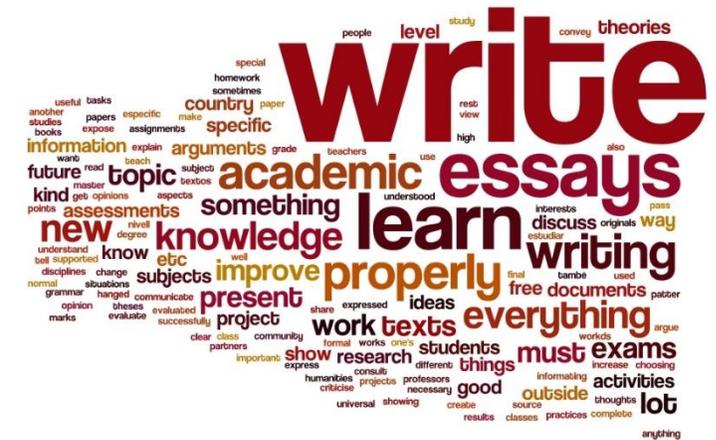
Throughout the course you will be expected to write essays and create group presentations.

You will be guided by the course tutors but there is an element of independence expected from students on the course.

You will be given a book list before the start of the course, this will give you the opportunity to complete background reading in specific topics.

You will learn on the programme by:

- Independent reading
- Class discussions
- Group presentations
- Creative activities
- Individual Tutorials



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Entry requirements

- **A Level 3 qualification in either Teaching Assistants or Early Years**
- **Candidates will need to have at least 2 years of working (either voluntary or in paid employment) in an appropriate setting**
- **Candidates will require support from their employer to undertake the programme**
- **A suitable DBS must be in place before starting the course**



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How is the Foundation Degree funded?

All HE qualifications are funded through Student Finance England

Simply log onto the link below and start to make a new application:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>

You will be given information on what you can expect to be awarded with the quick calculation checker tool on the page.

If you have dependents, these will be taken into account when calculating your loan.



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What next?

For more information, and to make an application to us, simply visit our website:

Early Years:

https://www.tameside.ac.uk/pages/course_info.aspx?x=174979

Teaching Assistants:

https://www.tameside.ac.uk/pages/course_info.aspx?x=174978

Once we receive your application, our friendly admissions team will get in touch and support you through the process.

If you have any further questions about the course, you can email your course leader directly on Paula.Stinchcombe@tameside.ac.uk



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