

# Welcome to Early Years

Presentation for prospective  
students to Early Years Studies  
at Colchester Institute



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# Meet the team



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# Professional Qualification



Your studies here with us can lead to professional qualifications enabling you to work in the childcare industry as:

- An Early Years Practitioner (Early Years' Assistant or Early Years' Educator)
- An Early Years' Manager

Plus much more!

Or you could go to university to study to become:

- A Primary School Teacher
- An Early Years' Teacher
- A Speech and Language Therapist
- An Educational Psychologist

## Our commitment to you



- Highly Qualified Vocationally trained staff
- Programme of study designed to meet individual needs
- Work assessed timely and constructive feedback given to enable achievement
- Regular tutorials and individual learning targets
- Opportunity for learning outside of classroom on several different trips
- Build on skills for English and maths as this is an important requirement for working with children.

## Your commitment to your course of study

- Take responsibility for your own behaviour. As studies will lead to a professional qualification, inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in college or your work placement (college disciplinary procedures will be followed).
- Show respect for your tutors and other college staff.
- Expect you to turn up on time, ready to work with correct equipment. Attendance must be excellent (95+%).
- Set yourself challenging targets to achieve best possible success.
- Hand in all work on time.
- Obtain a valid DBS certificate within first 6 weeks of the course.



# Placement



- Placement for Level 1 is earned based on behaviour and suitability
- Placement Level 2 and 3 is **mandatory** for completion of course. Loss of placement could mean not completing study and gaining your qualification.
- You will need to purchase 2 college polo shirts to wear in placement, once you start on the course. You will also be required to wear smart black trousers, smart flat black shoes and no nail extensions or varnish.
- A valid DBS certificate is required to enable you to attend work placements. You will be required to make your DBS application online and provide 2 pieces of identification. For example- A provisional licence, passport and bank account statement. You must be 16+ to apply for a DBS.



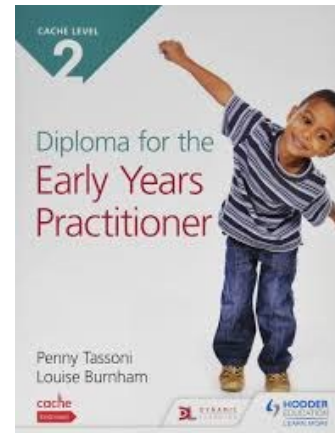
## Essential kit

**Placement polo shirts:**  
Orders are online through the  
College portal.  
**2 A4 ring binder folders**  
**Note books and pens**  
**USB stick to save work**

**Preferable:**

*IT access by either a computer, laptop, tablet or phone which can be available at home or via a library. This will be to support your learning and completion of independent tasks and assignments.*

### Level 2 Text book



### Level 3 Text book Children's Play, Learning and Development (2016)





# Exciting enrichment activities



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# What do our students think?



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**Antonia Constantinou**

The course has given me the experience to understand everything I need to know about children, but in a fun way. I've made lots of friends. We get work experience by going to a nursery twice a week, which is a great way to learn.

**Course:**  
Children's Play, Learning and Development Level 2

**Progressed from:**  
Alec Hunter Academy”

My View...



**Emily Holloway**

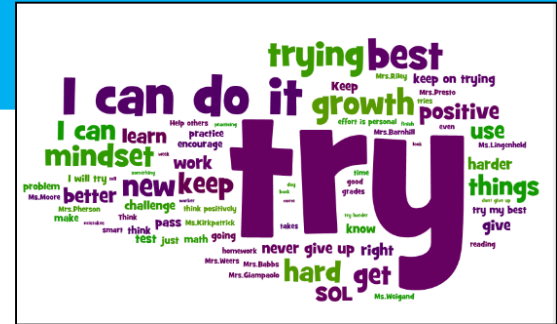
“ With the course we are able to visit three different types of placement, working with babies, pre-school and primary age children. We get a really good understanding of what working with children is like. ”

**Course:**  
Children's Play, Learning and Development Level 3

**Progressed from:**  
Alec Hunter Academy



# Growth mindset



DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

## I can't do that .....YET!

All tutors follow a growth mind-set, whereby students are encouraged to make mistakes in their learning, to find solutions to problems and to be active in their learning.

Please watch the YouTube video clip of Colchester Institute (2 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMlnZ7tp2tE&feature=youtu.be>