



Caring Professions

The university level courses in this area offer you a chance to develop your skills so you are prepared to work in a variety of careers, social work, health studies and education.

You will be able to develop your skills in research, management, family life and child development, with many opportunities to put your knowledge into practice.

Priya started the Foundation Degree in Children, Families and Community Health at Leicester College after studying the level 3 CACHE Diploma in Childcare. Whilst taking this qualification she worked during the summer in a nursery. She now hopes to continue with her studies to degree level.

Previous learners have progressed to top-up their degrees or furthered their careers in a variety of related fields such as educational psychology, social work and teaching.

Priya said: "Through this course, I am learning topics that are new to me. I am learning new things in every lesson and I am enjoying the course. I have also met a whole new group of people.

"The course enables me to study, gain experience and earn at the same time, providing a brilliant opportunity for me."



Priya Kara
Foundation Degree in
Children, Families and Community Health.

Foundation Degree/University Certificate in Professional Development (UCPD) Children, Families and Community Health

For those interested in child development and wishing to work with families and communities. Also people who are working in Sure Start centres, Social Services or the Health Service.

Full-time and Part-time

UCAS Code Full-time D26 LL35
Course Code Part-time A1639
Course Starts September
Course Length One or two years
Location Abbey Park Campus

This course will give you an understanding of the health and welfare of communities, families and children and practical experience of engaging with them.

You will study modules which provide an introduction to sociology, psychology, human biology, IT and study skills.

They will include:

- social context of family life
- human body
- strategies for effective parenting
- personal and skill development.

What do I need to start?

GCSE English grade C or equivalent (without this you will be asked to complete a Literacy test) plus a minimum of 100 UCAS points to include either:

- relevant Access to HE course
- Level 3 (Nat Dip, NVQ) award in a related subject
- at least one A2 level in a related subject.

We welcome applications from learners with Advanced Apprenticeships and adult learners who do not match the standard entry requirements but who can demonstrate a willingness and commitment to studying this subject at level 4 and 5, and who can evidence academic, professional or vocational experience in a related field.

All applicants will be subject to an informal interview.

Overseas learners please see page 116.

How long is the course?

University Certificate in Professional Development (UCPD) – one year, full-time. If you need more flexibility part-time places are available.
Foundation Degree – two years, full-time.

How will I be assessed?

Exams and continuous assessment throughout the course.

What is the fee?

The fee is currently under evaluation and yet to be confirmed. Please call 0116 224 2240 for the latest fee information.

Who is the awarding body?

De Montfort University. Please see Associate Universities page 126.

What else do I need to know?

This course is subject to CRB disclosure.

A work placement is only compulsory for learners not yet working within a relevant vocational setting.

What can I do next?

This course is franchised by De Montfort University and a formal progression route onto the third year of the Health Studies BA (Hons), Public and Community Health BSc (Hons), or Evaluating Practice BA (Hons) (subject to validation) degrees at the university exists.

For learners who complete the full degree at the University, you will have the chance to complete an optional Early Years Professional Status “top-up” course after graduation.

Upon completion of the programme you can seek employment in a range of careers in the Care sector.

How do I apply?

For full-time please apply to UCAS at www.ucas.com

For part-time please apply to Leicester College. Call 0116 224 2240 for further information.

