



Buckinghamshire County Council Early Years & Childcare Service

Let's Get Qualified!



Would you like to achieve a childcare qualification?



Are you interested in enrolling on a Foundation Degree?



If the answer is yes, we can help.

Now is the ideal time to think about training in early years and childcare to a higher level. Buckinghamshire Early Years and Childcare Service has new funding until March 2011 to support training from Level 1 right through to Degree Level in relevant early years and childcare qualifications. Advice is available to support you in finding the right course.

Bursaries of up to 80% (to a maximum of £1000) of the course fees are available for Level 1-6 qualifications including Foundation Degrees for workers in private and voluntary childcare settings and Childminders. Maximum of 3 applications per setting per year, childminders may apply for a maximum of 2 DHC units or 1 full qualification.

Bursaries of up to 80% (to a maximum of £750) of the course fees are available for those working with children in Independent and Maintained settings (staff must be working in the Nursery or Reception class). Maximum of 3 applications per setting, per year.

Over the page are details of some of the qualification courses available in Buckinghamshire together with training providers who offer them. For course availability please contact the training provider direct. For information on other qualifications, eligibility and how to apply, please call the Workforce Development Team on 01296-383970.



Getting Started in a Pre-School (Level 1)	
Berkshire College of Agriculture	01628 824444
Bucks Adult Learning	0845 045 4040
East Berkshire College	0845 373 2500
The Childcare Company	01753 596004
Certificate in Pre-School Practice (Level 2)	
Bucks Adult Learning	0845 045 4040
National Extension College	0800 389 2839
The Childcare Company	01753 596004
Certificate in Playwork (Level 2)	
Bracknell and Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
National Extension College	0800 389 2839
NVQ2 in Playwork (Level 2)	
Henley College	01491 579988
Milton Keynes Play Association	01908 263033
NVQ2 and NVQ3 in Children's Care Learning & Development	
Amersham & Wycombe College	0800 614016
Aylesbury College	01296 588588
Aylesbury Training Group	01296 737815
Berkshire College of Agriculture	01628 824444
Bracknell & Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
Bucks Adult Learning	0845 045 4040
Care in the Shires	01844 260839
Henley College	01491 579988
Milton Keynes College	01908 684453
The Childcare Company	01753 596004
Diploma in Playwork (Level 3)	
National Extension College	0800 389 2839
Diploma in Pre School Practice (Level 3)	
Bracknell and Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
Bucks Adult Learning	0845 045 4040
National Extension College	0800 389 2839
Diploma in Home based Childcare (units 2-5) (Level 3)	
Bracknell and Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
Bucks Adult Learning	0845 045 4040
National Extension College	0800 389 2839

NVQ3 in Playwork	
Bracknell and Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
Henley College	01491 579988
Milton Keynes Play Association	01908 263033
Foundation Degree in Working with Children and Young People (Level 5)	
Aylesbury College	01296 588588
Bracknell and Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
Bucks New University	01494 522141
East Berkshire College	0845 373 2500
Open University	0845 3006090
Foundation Degree in Supporting Childhood Learning and Development (Level 5)	
Berkshire College of Agriculture	01628 824444
Bracknell and Wokingham College	0845 330 3343
Foundation Degree in Early Years (Level 5)	
Amersham and Wycombe College	0800 614016
Aylesbury College	01296 588588
Bucks New University	01494 522141
East Berkshire College	0845 373 2500
Milton Keynes College	01908 684453
Open University	0845 3006090
West Herts College	01923 812532
Foundation Degree in Playwork (Level 5)	
University of Brighton	01273 600900
University of Hertfordshire	01707 284800
BA Hons Early Childhood Studies	
Oxford Brookes University	01865 484848
BA (Hons) Practice Development (Early Years)	
Bucks New University	01494 522141
Open University	0845 3006090
BA Hons Education studies	
University of Hertfordshire	01707 284800
BA (Hons) Playwork and Youth Studies	
University of East London	020 8223 3333
Early Years Professional Status	
London Metropolitan University	020 7423 0000
Northampton University	0800 358 2232
Oxford Brookes University	01865 484848
Pen Green Research	01536 443435
University of Reading	01183 785810

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