

Foundation Degree for Teaching Assistants

Duration - Two years part time

Location - Ashington

Course code - EYR9002E

Course outline

This course, developed in collaboration with Northumbria University, aims to develop student's confidence as learners and take a broad look at some of the issues involved in working as a Teaching Assistant. There will be considerable emphasis on personal and professional development to develop skills of reflection, enabling students to apply theory and critically reflect on their practice.

Entry requirements

You will need a level 3 qualification in childcare and one year's qualifying experience within the workplace is desirable. Qualifications in English and maths at level 2 would be an advantage. Extensive experience can be accepted in place of traditional qualifications.

Course content

You will study professional development, study skills, promoting positive learning environments, supporting literacy, numeracy and ICT, inclusive practice and personalised learning, learning and development, methods of inquiry, safeguarding children, working with parents, carers and multi-agency collaboration and leadership and management.

Assessment methods

Assessment methods will include writing assignments, evaluating and reflecting on practice, presentations, research projects and work based learning. Assessments will be formative to ensure understanding of the requirements and will take place throughout each module as well as summative to determine the final grade for the module.

Progression opportunities

You could consider working towards your Higher Level Teaching Assistant Status alongside the Foundation Degree, and/or convert your Foundation Degree into an honours degree.

Career opportunities

The qualification may enable students to secure a range of roles across the school and with further training, teaching may be a possibility.

