



Foundation Degree in Children's Development and Learning

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Welcome

Welcome to University Centre Newbury, your first choice for technical, career-focussed higher education.

As you look to start the next stage of your education, we are here to support you. Our highly trained staff will guide you through the application and enrolment process, to get you on the right track to the career you want.

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Why UCN?



PROGRESSION-FOCUSED

- Subjects based on your chosen career
- Career-focused objectives



SKILLS-BASED

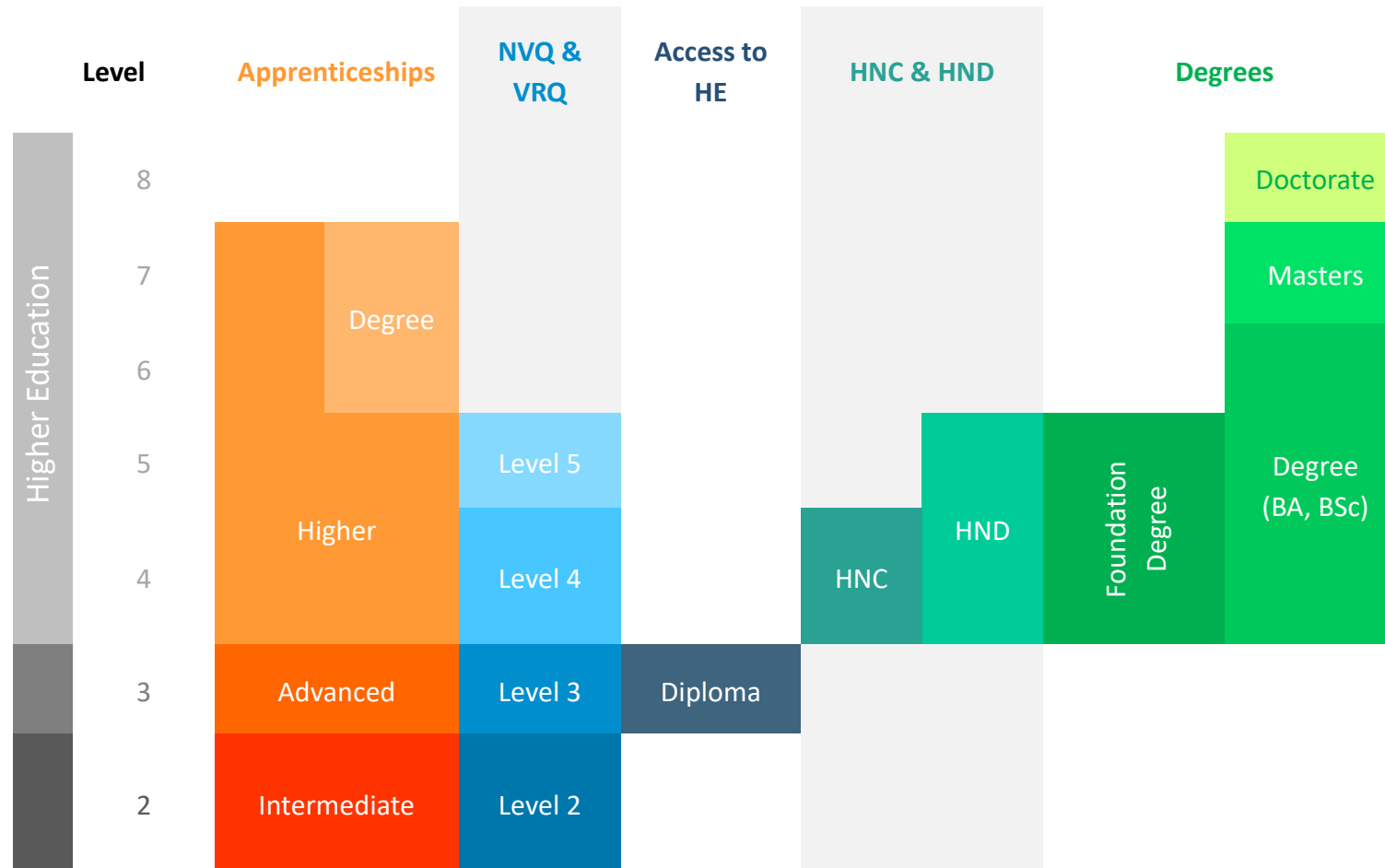
- Fewer exams
- Different assessment methods
- Practical subjects



EMPLOYER-LED

- Curriculum influenced by businesses

UCN Progression vs University



- ✓ Faster route to your chosen career
- ✓ More options available
- ✓ Lower cost and debt-free Higher Education*

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*Apprenticeship programmes only. Subject to availability.

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If you already work within a related early years (birth-5 years) or educational (4-11 years) setting for at least 2.5 days a week and wish to develop professionally, this is the perfect course for you.

This course is validated as a Level 5 award and requires you to attend for half a day each week, over two years. The course aims to develop your reflective and analytical skills and increase your self-confidence. It will enable you to build on your experience as an early years care and education practitioner and develop new strategies for supporting children and working alongside colleagues and parents.

You'll build upon your experience through modules in areas such as child development, safeguarding, creativity and critical thinking, and working in partnership with parents.

- **Full-time course for half a day, for 2 years at Newbury College**



Entry Requirements

- All applicants must be 18 years or above, working at least 2.5 days in a relevant setting within the workforce.
- English Language and Maths GCSE at grade C (or 4) or Level 2 equivalent.
- A Level 3 qualification in a work-related area
- 2 years' experience of working directly with children within the Children's Workforce, for example, in a registered early years setting or in a school as a teaching assistant
- Any candidate who does not fully meet the entry criteria (for example, who does not have Maths GCSE or the specified amount of full-time work experience but may have part-time and/or volunteering experience) is invited to submit their application, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Course Delivery and Assessment

- College sessions include lectures, as well as tutorials and seminars. The course also incorporates a great deal of group work, which will be an opportunity to share experiences with fellow professionals working in a range of settings.
- A range of course work is used for assessment – essays, presentations, and reports. Each module also has an element of work-based assessment through guided professional discussion with you and your mentor in the workplace. Year 2 optional modules are taught using blended learning methods of teaching and assessment. In year 2 students undertake a small scale research project on an educational issue of their choice.



Successful completion of this programme can give you several routes for progression including:

COURSES

BA (Hons) in Children's
Development and Learning,
University of Reading

Early Years Professional Status
(EYPS)

Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

Please note: there is a GCSE requirement above the
minimum level for entry to the Foundation Degree
for both EYTS and QTS.

CAREERS

- HLTA
- Nursery Manager
- Primary School Teacher (on
achieving QTS)
- SENCO & SALT, ED Psych (on
achieving further relevant
professional qualifications)

Academic Tutors and Work Based Mentors

There is plenty of support available to help you get the most out of your course. You will be given an academic tutor who will have regular one-to-one meetings with you. You'll also nominate someone from within your own workplace, such as a manager or colleague, to become your mentor. Additionally, you'll benefit from small learning groups and access to facilities and support at Newbury college and the University of Reading.



Former Students' Testimonials

'Since completing the Foundation Degree at Newbury College I carried on to complete the BA at Reading. I am now teaching year 2 and also completing my PGCE with qualified teacher status. I will be fully qualified by the end of the academic year. If I had not had the opportunity of the Foundation degree, none of this would have been possible!'



Any questions?

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If you have any questions or require further information on this course or any other aspects of studying at Newbury College, please contact us.



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