

BA (HONS) (EARLY YEARS AND CHILDHOOD STUDIES) - CK111

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for BA (Hons) in Early Years and Childhood Studies (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Critically examine historical and current Early Years and Childhood policies and practices nationally and internationally.
- Develop knowledge of developmental aspects of children from a holistic perspective – regarding health, care and well-being of young children.
- Critically appraise theory and research in early years and demonstrate an ability to translate this knowledge into practice in contexts of diversity with children, parents, local communities, and other professionals and institutions.
- Develop and integrate skills commensurate with planning and implementing a research project.
- Critically display knowledge of the professional and ethical issues that may arise in child-centred research and practice.
- Identify, explore and apply skills required for reflexive, rights based and inclusive, anti-bias practice with children and parents in early years settings.
- Demonstrate an understanding of pedagogy and of differing curricular perspectives in the early years.
- Develop appropriate understanding on the evaluation and application of theories and methods of early identification, prevention and intervention within wider social sciences perspectives.
- Develop appropriate learning opportunities based on an understanding of children's strategies for learning and encouraging children's expression through languages including play, art, music, drama, storytelling etc.
- Demonstrate the confidence and competence to work with children and young people as an early years care and education professional.
- Demonstrate the confidence and competence for Teamwork, Leadership and Management in ECEC contexts.