Children's Play, Learning & Development

#100% Pass Rate  #62% D*D*D*
#Excellent Progression
Welcome to Children’s Play, Learning and Development here at Runshaw College! This is the course for students looking at potentially working with children as Early Years Practitioners, Teaching Assistants or Nannies to name three vocations, or going on to study further for other careers such as Teaching.

Work placement is an integral part of the course. Over two years, students will complete over 750 hours of work placement, working with children aged 0-8 years, completing these hours within early years and primary school settings. Students are expected to work as part of the team and will carry out activities with the children and observe their development. Work placement enables students to build their confidence, communication skills and team working skills. During their time on work placement, they will be supported by placement staff and dedicated placement mentors, who visit the students on each placement, monitoring their progress and providing additional support.

On successful completion of the course, students will have the competency to work as a fully qualified Early Years Practitioner, and because of this, many of our students progress straight into employment. For those not looking to move straight in to employment, we have great links with many universities including Edge Hill University, University of Cumbria, UCLAN, and Liverpool Hope University. Our students progress on to a variety of courses including Childhood Studies, Teaching in Primary and Early Years Education with Qualified Teacher Status and Working with Children and Young People.

As part of the enrichment that complements studies here, students can attend trips to a number of varying attractions. Previous destinations include Chester Zoo, Liverpool Slavery Museum, The Trafford Centre and Rock and River Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Although not always directed towards studies, these activities enhance the experience of college.

If you are excited by the prospect of working with children, gaining skills and qualifications along the way, with great prospects for your career, we are sure this is the course for you.