

Working with Children, Young People and their Families

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Aims

- To discuss the possible careers with children and young people
- To consider what skills will you need
- To think about your next steps in applying for Higher Education
- To look at the support and provision at the University of Northampton

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Careers with children and young people.

- Can you name three jobs which are related to working with children and young people?
- What do these jobs involve?

Careers with children and young people

- Youth and Community Worker
- Children's Centre Professional
- Primary Teacher
- Secondary Teacher
- Learning Mentor
- Social Worker
- Adolescent Mental Health Worker
- Early years professional
- Parent Partnership and Family Support Officer
- Community Support Worker



Why might you work with children and young people?

- Professional, intellectual and creative challenges
- Mobility of employment
- Diversity of job opportunities
- Clearly defined career pathways
- Freedom from routine
- Immense job satisfaction
- Leadership opportunities



What skills will you need ?

Some of the Skills needed

1. Enjoy communicating your understanding to others.
2. Have confidence.
3. Have great organisational skills.
4. Work effectively in groups.
5. Be able to deal with conflict.
6. Motivate children and young people to do their best.
7. Empathise with children and young people.
8. Give and receive feedback.

Self and Peer Assessment

- For each skill, self-assess your skill using a scale of 1 to 5.
- 5 = excellent
- 1 = requires improvement.
- **What are your strengths?**
- **What are areas for development?**

Let's take a look at some of the degree courses you might consider...

Training to be a Teacher

- BA (Hons) Primary Education 5-11

Entry requirements...

- GCSE results
- Post 16 choices
- 5 days school experience

- 3 years – degree and QTS
- International exchange opportunities

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/why-teach>



BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies



Holistic development of young children (birth to eight years old)

Foundation for a variety of careers working with children and families

Range of placement opportunities

Exciting and challenging opportunities for European study visits

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BA (Hons) Working with Children, Young People and Families



Multidisciplinary degree that has a strong vocational focus for those who wish to develop their career working with children and young people.

Compulsory placements across the programme allows students to try out these areas of work: health, social care, education and youth work

Opportunities for international study and exchange



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BA (Hons) Education Studies

Provides insights into how education systems develop, how children and adults learn and what the key issues, policies and debates are in education today.

Placements embedded into course.

Wide variety of careers as well as those who seek to go on to qualify as teachers.

Opportunities for international study and exchange

Faculty of Health, Education and Society



Why choose us?

- The University of Northampton is passionate about leading change which transforms the lives of children and young people.
- This reflects the commitment of our staff to providing high quality teaching and learning, focusing on students as individuals, leading to very high levels of student satisfaction and employability.
- The Faculty of Health, Education and Society has been working with different degrees and professions for many years, so our commitment and passion is embedded in the work we do.

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Planning next steps



Begin thinking about your options....

- Which career would you like to consider ?
- Which degree would you like to find out more about?
- What age group would you like to work with ?
- What qualifications have you got to support your choice?
- What skills have you got to support your choice?
- What experience have you got to support your choice?

Applying to Higher Education top tips...

- Your UCAS application is very important admissions to university rely on not only your exam results but also your personal statement.
- Tell us the type of person you are, and the sorts of activities you have been doing relating to working with children.
- We look for other special skills such as music, sport, Duke of Edinburgh and volunteering.
- Check your grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Attend university open days and meet the staff and current students

The University of Northampton

UK's first Changemaker Campus



Personalised Support and Challenge

- Personal Academic Tutor
- Identified work-based mentor
- Academic support
- Support for Additional Needs

Resources

- Academic librarians
- HP laptop
- Wide range of paper-based and electronic learning resources
- Outstanding School Experience Library
- Northampton Integrated Learning Environment (NILE)

Student Life

- Thriving Student Union with bars, night clubs, food outlets, financial advice
- Over 30 clubs and societies
- Successful sporting clubs i.e. football, rugby, hockey, lacrosse
- Volunteering and social enterprise opportunities
- A state of the art campus and accommodation in the town centre

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*Thank you
for listening*

Any Questions?

Join us on one of our open days

<https://www.northampton.ac.uk/about-us/contact-us/open-days/>