



T LEVELS:
EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are a new Level 3, two-year technical programme that provide you with a high-quality alternative to A Levels. They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 59-day industry placement. If you opt to take a T Level you will spend 20% of your time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a Higher Apprenticeship or study a university degree, as T Levels are awarded UCAS points.

From September 2021 we will be offering the following T Level in Education and Childcare:

⤴ Education and Childcare (Early Years Educator)

This subject area has been chosen to align with anticipated high demand skill areas for Greater Manchester and the wider North West region in the coming years.



WHO CAN STUDY A T LEVEL?

T Levels can be studied by any young person aged 16-18 and students up to age 24 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

If you are interested in taking a T Level you will need to achieve the below entry requirements:

- ⤴ Minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and maths
- ⤴ Attend an interview
- ⤴ Attend our Summer School.

If you don't quite achieve these grades and would still like to pursue a T Level there is the option of a one-year **Transition Programme**, which will then allow you to move on to a T Level the following year and gain a qualification at the same time*. Additionally you may still be accepted on a T Level if you successfully complete the Summer School programme and interview regardless of achieved grades.

We offer the following T Level Transition Programme as part of our Industry Excellence Academy:

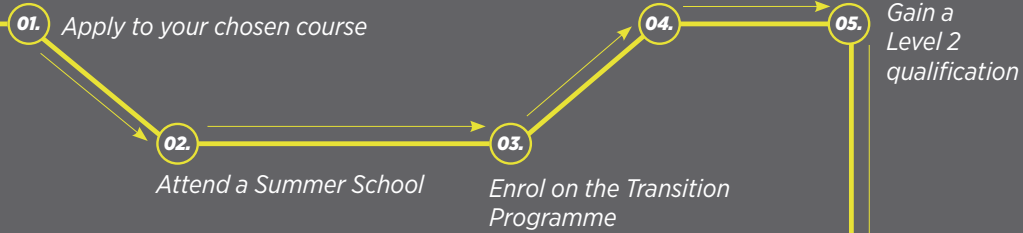
- ⤴ Education and Childcare (Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings)

*Subject to meeting the course requirements.

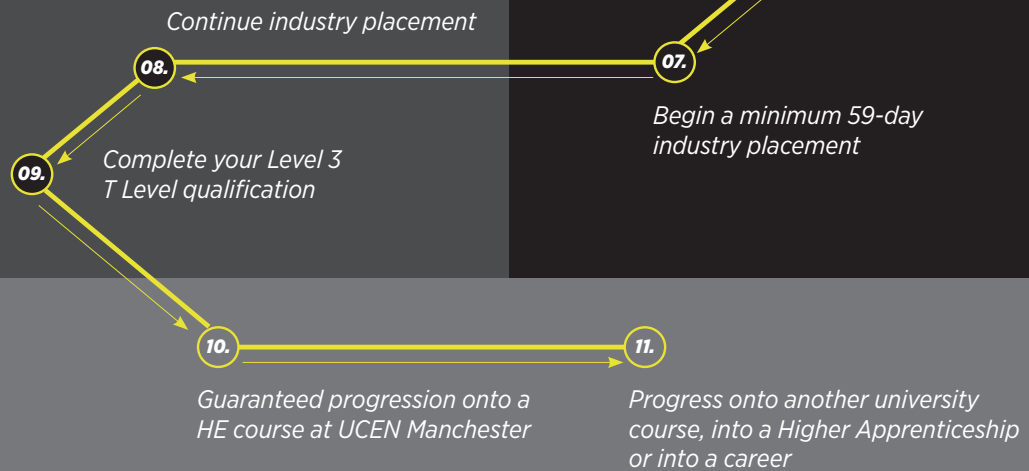


TRANSITION TO T LEVELS

YEAR 1



YEAR 3



YEAR 4

SUMMER SCHOOL

Both T Levels and Transition Programmes require completion of our Summer School programme as an entry requirement.

Summer School is a three-week online introduction to our Industry Excellence Academy, T Levels and T Level Transition Programmes where students can meet their teachers and experience what online learning at The Manchester College is like.

Students will take part in a project based learning experience to demonstrate their creativity, teamwork and problem solving skills, as well as their resilience, timekeeping and commitment.

The programme is designed to inspire students to think like early years educators and primary school practitioners through a range of project-based learning challenges.

Topics covered on the Summer School include:

- Supporting education (early years educator)
- The role of the childcare practitioner (working in early and primary settings)





OUR COURSES

Our courses have been co-developed and are co-delivered by our industry partners to meet the needs of industry and prepare you for work in the sector.

Alongside your studies, you'll undertake a minimum 15-day (Transition Programme) or 59-day (T Level) industry placement, as well as having regular guest speakers, workshops from industry experts, working to live briefs and more. You'll also be assigned a specialist employability tutor to support and prepare you for the world of work.



THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE T AWARD

Those successful in gaining a place on the T Levels or Transition Programmes will be eligible for the '**T Award**', a package of benefits that includes:

- ⤴ £300 per year bursary*
- ⤴ Free branded work wear
- ⤴ Opportunity to take part in exciting college-wide competitions
- ⤴ Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- ⤴ Access to industry standard laptop* (as appropriate)
- ⤴ Guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester
- ⤴ Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester (T Levels)
- ⤴ Minimum 15-day (Transition Programmes) or 59-day (T Levels) industry placement
- ⤴ Digital upskilling
- ⤴ Masterclasses
- ⤴ And much more

*Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.





T LEVEL

EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE (EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR)

Level 3 | T Level | Openshaw campus | Two years

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN ON THIS COURSE

All students will develop the knowledge and skills of an education and childcare professional, including:

- ⤴ Understanding the education and childcare sector from ages 0 to 19
- ⤴ Child development
- ⤴ How to support children and young people's education
- ⤴ Safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing
- ⤴ Understanding and managing behaviour
- ⤴ Observing and assessing children and young people
- ⤴ Equality and diversity
- ⤴ Special educational needs and disability
- ⤴ English as an additional language
- ⤴ Working with parents, carers and wider families
- ⤴ Working with agencies and services that support children, families and carers
- ⤴ Reflective practice and other forms of professional development.

OPTIONS TO SPECIALISE

In addition to the core content, each student must choose one of the following specialisms:

- ⤴ Early years education and childcare
- ⤴ Supporting teaching and learning.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS T LEVEL

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in early years education, childcare or assisting teaching.

You can progress into roles such as:

- ⤴ Learning Mentor
- ⤴ Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teaching Assistant
- ⤴ Nursery Worker
- ⤴ Teaching Assistant



TRANSITION PROGRAMME

EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE (WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS AND PRIMARY SETTINGS)

Level 2 | Certificate | Openshaw campus | One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All students will develop the knowledge and skills of a an education and childcare professional including:

- ⤴ Four GCSEs at Grade 4-9 including English or L2 Functional Skills in English
- ⤴ Enhanced DBS check
- ⤴ Attendance at our Summer School

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN ON THIS COURSE

You will learn about topics specific to education and childcare, including:

- ⤴ Child development
- ⤴ Play and learning
- ⤴ Exploring legislation
- ⤴ The role of the childcare practitioner
- ⤴ Nutrition
- ⤴ Physical development and physical activity
- ⤴ GCSE/Functional Skills in maths (if not already achieved).

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THIS QUALIFICATION

Progress on to our Level 3 T Level course:

- ⤴ Education and Childcare (Early Years Educator)



HOW TO APPLY

To apply to any of our Level 3 T Levels and Level 2 Transition Programmes, visit tmc.ac.uk.

Successful applicants will then receive more information on Summer School enrolment.

To find out more about T Levels visit our Industry Excellence Academy website:

industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels

