

# T Levels: Education and Childcare

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## What are T Levels?

T Levels are technical education courses which follow GCSEs. One T Level is roughly equivalent in size to three A levels. These 2-year courses have been developed with employers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for work. Employers involved in designing the T Level in Education and Childcare include Ellesmere Children's Centre, Interserve Learning and Employment and Cromwell Consulting Ltd.



## What do they involve?

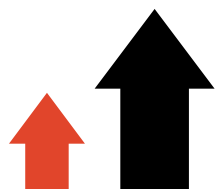
T Level courses contain the following elements:

- a **technical qualification**, which will include:
  - core theory, concepts and skills for an industry area
  - **specialist skills** and knowledge for an occupation or career
- an **industry placement** with an employer lasting at least 45 days



## What are the entry requirements?

There are no nationally set entry requirements for starting a T Level. Each college, school or independent learning provider sets their own requirements. For more information, check with the relevant school or college - you can search for your nearest provider at [www.tlevels.gov.uk](http://www.tlevels.gov.uk)



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## What does the course involve?

Students will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- Supporting education- an understanding regarding how teachers/practitioners can effectively support children and young people in their education from ages 0 to 19.
- Safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing - an understanding of the legal requirements and guidance relating to security, confidentiality of information, safeguarding health, safety and wellbeing and how to follow the legislation.
- Behaviour - an understanding on how the stages of children's and young people's social, emotional and physical development may inform their behaviour, and how practitioners can use this information to meet children's/young people's needs.
- Observation and assessment - understand the purpose of national assessments and benchmark and the different roles that practitioners play in assessment processes and requirements.

## What are the specialisms?

Students will choose one occupational specialism from the following:

- Early Years Educator
- Assisting Teaching
- Supporting and Mentoring Students in Educational Settings



I chose a T Level because I want to follow my dream of becoming a primary school teacher and this is the best course to do that. It offers long placements as well as classroom experience. I'm so excited to start my work placement and gain experience in schools.



**Charlotte Heggadon**



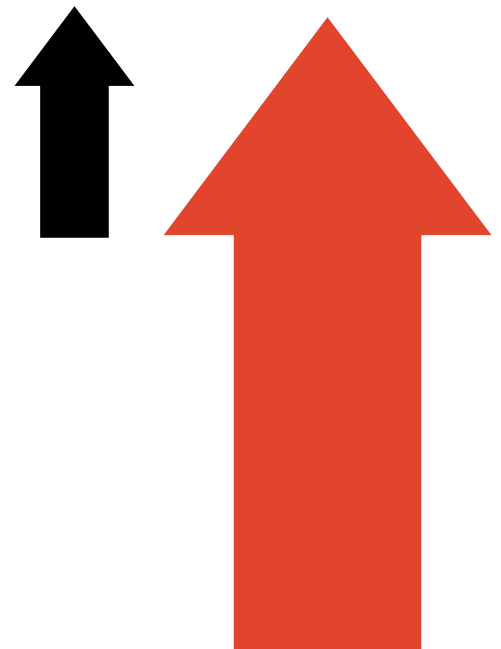
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## What is the industry placement?

T Level students will spend around 20% of their course on an industry placement with an employer. These typically last for around 9 weeks and allow students to put their new knowledge and skills into practice and gain confidence in the workplace. Individual employers and training providers agree how the placement will work - whether as a block of time, a series of day releases or a combination of both. For the Education and Childcare

T Level, the placement may take place in a nursery or school, depending on the student's choice of occupational specialism. A student's guide to industry placements can be found here.



## What could this course lead to?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in the education and childcare sector. Career options might include Specialist Support Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant, Early Years Officer or Learning Mentor. Students can also use this T Level to progress to a related higher-level apprenticeship, higher technical qualifications or a university degree.

## Where can students find out more?

Careers advisers will be able to help students to find out more and choose the option that best suits their aspirations for progression. Students should contact their nearest T Level provider for details of the courses they offer.

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