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Have you always thought about doing a degree and wish you could find a way to work and study together? Well here is the ideal qualification that allows you to do both and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

What are Foundation Degrees?
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Key Features of the degree:
- Designed in conjunction with employers, partner colleges and key stakeholders
- Study four 30 credit modules in Year One and four 30 credit modules in Year Two
- A flexible route to higher education with the choice of studying at one of eight partner colleges and independent study
- Continuing to work at least 16 hours per week balancing other commitments

Entry Requirements
This degree is specifically designed for early years practitioners who have an appropriate Level 3 qualification and at least two years post qualifying experience. You must be working at least 16 hours per week with babies and children from birth to five years old within an early years setting.

What will I study?
This course will equip you with higher level skills and a sound knowledge of areas relevant to your work including local and national statutory frameworks, theories of learning, collaborative working with agencies and families, educational systems and a deeper understanding of child development, observation and assessment. You will reflect upon your practice of working with babies and children from birth to five years with opportunities to explore and develop an in-depth understanding of safeguarding, child protection, ethics and diversity. Flexible study will enable you to engage with a wide range of reading and you will develop essential skills of academic writing, planning your studies, engagement with research and critical reflection and analysis of both your practice and reading.

Modules in Year 1:
- Personal And Professional Development Through Reflective Practice
- Child Development, Observation And Assessment
- Child Protection And Ethical Practices Of Working With Children
- Inclusive Education And Interprofessional Perspectives

Modules in Year 2:
- Historical And International Perspectives Of Early Years Education
- Early Years Pedagogy And Practice
- Effective Communication Skills
- Special Project

“... makes a difference to everyone in the team as the learning and knowledge is shared at meetings and planning days. Staff are now more reflective and confident in their roles. It raises their professionalism and the status of the profession.”
(Children’s Centre Deputy Manager)
Assessment
A variation of assessments through written assignments, practical presentations, written short-answer papers and practitioner research.

How do I apply?
- Firstly, make an application to the Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS) by applying online at www.ucas.com.
- Then contact your chosen college to request an application pack and further information.
- To find out more about this course, go to www.kingston.ac.uk/undergraduate-course/early-years-foundation

Course: Foundation Degree in Early Years  UCAS CODE: X110
(plus your chosen UCAS college code at the end)

- Brooklands College (College Code: L)
  Heath Road, Weybridge, KT13 8TT
  Tel. 01784 248666
- Kingston College (College Code: K)
  School of Care, Kingston Hall Road, KT1 2AQ
  Tel. 020 8268 2738
- NESCOT College (College Code: O)
  Reigate Road, Ewell, Epsom, KT17 3DS
  Tel: 0208 394 3122
- NEWTEC College (College Code: U)
  1 Mark Street, Stratford, E15 4GY
  Tel. 020 8519 5843
- Kensington & Chelsea College (College Code: T)
  Chelsea Centre, Hortensia Road, SW10 0QS
  Tel: 020 7573 1293
- Richmond College (College Code: R)
  Egerton Road, Twickenham, TW2 7SJ
  Tel. 020 8607 8190
- South Thames (Wandsworth) College (College Code: S)
  Wandsworth High Street, London, SW18 0PP
  Tel. 020 8918 7777
- West Thames College (College Code: W)
  London Road, Isleworth, TW7 4HS
  Tel. 020 8326 2000
- Whitefield Schools & Centre (College Code: X)
  MacDonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
  Tel. 020 8531 3426

Benefits of Higher Education Study at Kingston University
- Develop your academic writing, personal and professional skills
- Gain confidence and improved understanding of your role and wider contexts
- Study further towards a BA Honours degree and Postgraduate Programmes
- Develop reflective practitioner and researcher skills and apply these into your work

Career Progression
You will be supported in your second year of the Foundation Degree to enrol through UCAS in order to progress onto a third year of study. Upon successful completion of the third year, you will achieve an honours degree (360 credits). There are three BA Honours progression routes available at Kingston University for Foundation Degree students.

For more information visit:
www.kingston.ac.uk

Course Fees and Financial Support
Course Fees for September 2014 are £4,850 for your first year. Student Finance England can offer you financial support when you are studying towards a degree. You may be able to receive a range of financial help and support including a grant (which you don't have to pay back) and a loan (which you do need to repay). You can apply for a student loan or get more information at: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

The university also allows for payments in instalments.

“The Foundation Degree has given me confidence both personally and professionally. I have gained new knowledge which has led me to become a more effective EYFS practitioner.”
(Danielle Geoghegan, Undergraduate Student)