

MINI GUIDE

Early Education & Childcare

Take your first step.





Follow your dreams and embark on a rewarding and satisfying career that will shape future generations.

Pursue your passion and take the first steps to develop a career in Early Education and Childcare. In terms of human development, the significance of early childhood education cannot be overlooked. Learn the relevant concepts, theories, principals, and practical skills to teach, nurture and care for children at the most sensitive and important stages of their lifelong learning journeys.

Start your journey today.

Our MISSION is to support the individual, social and economic development of the people, communities and businesses of Dumfries and Galloway by providing inclusive, accessible and relevant vocational and other learning opportunities in a positive and supportive environment.

Joanna Campbell - Principal & CEO



Gain the skills you need to take you where you want to go.

Whether you want to:

build your future

change your career

learn something new

We will provide you with the **tools to excel** with a **real skill-based route** into the **workplace** or a **positive destination** onto **further education**.



Ways you can study with DGC ↓



College Academy

Start your journey from school and you can shorten your education journey and potentially start full-time employment sooner in your chosen career pathway.



Study options to suit everyone

From full-time, part-time or over just a few days, choose your course and way to study.



Study locally

helping you save on associated study costs such as travel, accomodation and more.



Earn qualifications

at every stage of study, building your path to success.











Access routes

To university and further your options with support at every step.



College services and support ↓

As a student you have a number of services and facilities available to support and help you throughout your course at our campuses*

-  **Library resources**
-  **Student support**
-  **Learning zones**
-  **Coffee and snack areas**
-  **Shop and canteen**
-  **Gym**
-  **Training workshops**
-  **Training Restaurant**
-  **Green Energy Centre & STEM Hub**
-  **Digital Care Hub**

* Please note: gym, canteen, shop, green energy centre and digital care hub are exclusive to Dumfries campus.



 **Stranraer Campus**



 **Dumfries Campus**

From **student advisors** to **funding teams**, our aim is to provide you with a quality service so that you will have a **range of skills, support and the knowledge** required to successfully complete your course.

 **For further info on all our student services, check out our portal**

Studying early education and childcare can lead to an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable career path that ultimately carries the responsibility of shaping future generations.

Early Education and Childcare settings offer education and childcare to children up to school age, they can be operated by the council, private businesses, or voluntary organisations.

There are many different career pathways available within Early Education and Childcare, from teaching and nursing, to becoming a specialist in a subject such as play therapy.



Did you know ↓

Our courses are designed to introduce you to the world of early education and childcare and will enable you to understand children's needs whilst encouraging them to thrive and prosper in life.

Study with us to enjoy:



Fulfilment and job satisfaction

Early childhood educators have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young children by providing quality experiences that encourage positive outcomes for children's health, learning and wellbeing. Positively helping children prepare for the transition to school and beyond leads to an incredibly rewarding career.



Variety

If you begin a career in early education, you will soon realise that no two days are the same. Each day will bring its own new adventures, activities, and challenges. Planning activities for children can be exciting as it allows you to get creative and see the world through a child's eye.



Job security

Now is a great time to consider a career in early education and childcare as the growth of the sector continues. There is also significant opportunity to advance and progress in your career as you learn more skills and gain experience.



A route to a viable career

A career in early education and childcare can often give you flexibility over the time and days you work. There are a wide variety of paths you can take with some positions allowing hours that will fit around your family commitments.

Where early education and childcare could take you ↓

Career Options

As 95% of our students go onto positive destinations*, a qualification could lead to the following careers:

Nursery workers

Look after children up to the age of five and help them learn numeracy and language skills often through play. Nursery workers plan and supervise activities that let children have fun and be creative in a safe and secure environment.



Early Years teacher

Work with children up to the age of five and focus on techniques to help children learn and provide a safe and positive environment, successfully setting children up for their all-important transition to primary school. Early years teachers will plan the curriculum, monitor children's progress whilst supervising nursery workers and assistants.



Play Therapist

As a play therapist you will use play as a communication tool to help children understand their world and deal with emotional distress and trauma. Play therapists assess each child and their individual needs and determine a suitable course of therapeutic treatment.



*Information taken from our Student Satisfaction and Leavers Destinations Survey 2022-23



The above is just a small section of the many careers available in the industry. Salaries can vary greatly, ranging from £14,000 to £35,000 + depending on what's required in the role.

Onward Study

A qualification could lead you to some of the following possible degree options:

- Degree in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Degree in Childhood Practice
- Degree in Child Nursing

If you are thinking about progressing to onward study, check with your chosen university for requirements before applying with UCAS.

Each place will have specific entry criteria and availability.



College prepared me well for employment in my chosen field. It gave me invaluable insight, knowledge and experience I wouldn't have gained otherwise.

Nina McLeod - *Early Education and Childcare student.*




Get one step ahead. choose your course ↓

We provide a first-class further or higher education, offering a large range of courses and qualifications available for students at any life stage that are delivered by teaching and support staff who genuinely care about what they do.

We have a route to suit every level and mode of study, allowing you to build your future, to change your career, or prepare for a better tomorrow, helping you get one step ahead.

If you are unsure of which course is best to apply for, or how to apply – don't forget we have a very knowledgeable and helpful Admissions team here at the college ready to help you.



**Check out all
our courses
here!**

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// Don't wait for the right opportunity. **Create it.**
George Bernard Shaw ✨ //
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Quick guide to applying ↓

1. Search for your course

Search our courses at www.dumgal.ac.uk or click the link.

2. Apply online

Once you find the course that's right for you, hit the apply now button. Courses fill up fast, so don't delay.



Our full-time courses start in August.

Check online for start dates for other courses or study at a time that suits you with open learning.

If you need help applying, you can check out our handy 'how to apply' page [here](#)

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