



Welcome to Education & Early Years

We look forward to welcoming you to Kendal College and into our Education and Early Years programme. During your time here, we will work with you to gain the knowledge and practice skills needed for you to meet your career goals, whether they are working in an early years setting or progressing on to further or higher education.

What you'll need for your course

To get the best out of your course, it helps to ensure you have the resources you will require. We strongly recommend that you purchase the following:

- Pen, coloured pens, pencil, ruler, eraser, highlighter, and sharpener
- Pad of A4 lined paper
- Lever-arched file
- Laptop or other internet enabled device (this is not essential, however it is recommended). Laptops are also available in the college to borrow

Our Student Services team offer financial support towards the costs of coming to college. For further guidance, please contact one of the team directly on: **01539 814700** or go to the student money pages on the website.

Summer preparation

Please take the time to read the article 'What to expect', published in the Nursery World Magazine June 2025 (available on the welcome website) and answer the questions. Write down your ideas and bring them to your induction class. We also encourage you to have a look around early years specific websites, such as, Early Years Excellence, the Royal Foundation for Early Childhood and Early Years Alliance to get an idea of contemporary issues happening in and affecting the early years sector.

On your Enrolment Day we also require you to bring the following:

- Documentation for your DBS. You will need to bring 3 sources of identification for your DBS application. This must include proof of your current address and can include a valid passport, a Biometric Resident Card, Birth or Adoption Certificate, a valid driving license, a Bank or Building Society letter.
- Fee for DBS (bank transfer/cash only) - Current cost is £49.50 (subject to change)
- Fee for your placement T-shirt (bank transfer/cash only) - Current cost is £16 (subject to change)

For more information about these items and the course itself, please visit kendal.ac.uk/welcome



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Enrichment activities

We invite speakers and practitioners to our classes to share their expertise with students and offer more opportunities to learn. We also take students to visit local education settings to view examples of best practices in early years education and primary school where local experts share their knowledge and experience with you.

We also have a real world working environment at the college for students to practice and demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a supportive learning environment.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Education & Early Years Department!

If you are unsure of anything, this information will be further explained at Enrolment Day and during your induction.

Placements

Placements are a mandatory requirement of your course and offer you the chance to practice what you learn in the classroom in an early year or primary school setting.

Level 2 students – you will be in placement one full day a week. When you come to college, please bring your preferred 1st and 2nd placement settings for Early Years and Primary School.

T-Level students – you will be in your placement two full days each week. Please bring your preferred placement for an Early Years setting.

How can I prepare for my work placement?

- Think about what interests you and do some research into local schools and nurseries in your area
- Ask friends and family – do you know anyone who may be able to offer you a relevant work placement?

If you have any questions or need any further advice relating to your work placement, you can contact the Student Experience and Progression team on **01539 814700** or email **studentexperience@kendal.ac.uk**