

YOUR CAREER IN
**CARING
AND PUBLIC
SERVICES**



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THROUGHOUT YOUR COURSE, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEERING IN A VARIETY OF SERVICES, INCLUDING NURSERIES AND THE POLICE. YOU'LL ALSO TAKE PART IN TRIPS AND RESIDENTIAL VISITS, AND ATTEND TALKS FROM VARIOUS GUEST SPEAKERS, TO HELP YOU GET A FEEL FOR WHAT IT'S LIKE WORKING IN THE CHILDCARE, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, AND PUBLIC SERVICE SECTORS.

Your tutors have extensive vocational experience in all manner of caring and public services, having variously worked in nurseries, primary schools, hospitals, the fire service, the Royal Navy, rehabilitation and legal services.

To top it all off, you'll be taught in our campus' biggest teaching space, which underwent an award-shortlisted makeover in 2015. It's got 35 redesigned classrooms, six brand-new science labs, three flexible learning and social spaces, and four state-of-the-art IT rooms.

Your learning is by no means confined to the classroom, however. Be prepared to train in our campus' fantastic outdoor spaces and get hands-on in various local caregiving settings.

THE BENEFITS OF STUDYING CARING AND PUBLIC SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Trips and residential visits
- Guest speakers
- Work experience opportunities
- Modern, refurbished teaching spaces
- Tutors with extensive vocational experience

FEES & FUNDING

Please refer to the coloured columns in the table below if you are:

- In receipt of JSA or ESA (WRAG) OR
- Unemployed and on other benefits OR
- Employed and earn less that £17,004.00 annual gross salary

AGE AND STUDENT CIRCUMSTANCE									
COURSE LEVEL	16-18	19-23 AND RECEIVING BENEFITS/LOW INCOME		19-23		24+ AND RECEIVING BENEFITS/LOW INCOME		24+	
		First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously	First time studying this qualification	Completed a qualification at this level previously
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ENTRY LEVEL	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 1	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 2	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 3	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
ELIGIBLE LEVEL 4	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

★ Free! ★ Course fees payable ★ Advanced learning loan available

This information is based on current government funding guidelines for September 2020 entry and may be subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE: The table provides generic funding guidance. To ensure that you are entitled to funding, we will fully assess your eligibility prior to enrolling you. Please ensure that you provide all prior qualifications held when asked to do so, as the college will retrospectively charge tuition fees should differing circumstances come to light.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1

RESEARCH

Have a look on our website at what courses we offer, visit our online open days and request course specific booklets.

2

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Initially, we can only log up to two course choices for your application. Please apply using the Loughborough College website or PS16 if your school provides this service.

3

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We'll send you an acknowledgement email to let you know that we've processed your application and what you can expect next. You should receive this within 5 working days of submitting your application.



4

ATTEND AN APPLICANT EVENT

We'll invite you to an event specifically for the course(s) you're interested in. You will need to attend an Applicant event in order to get an offer to study with us. *This event may be an online/digital event so you may not need to come into college, details will be clarified nearer the time.



5

RECEIVE AN OFFER

Once you've attended your applicant event, you'll receive a conditional offer. Conditions will be based on meeting the course entry requirements. We'll also send you an 'accept my place' certificate. In order to secure your conditional place, please complete and return the certificate within 30 days so we know whether you'd like to accept your offer.



ONCE YOU'VE ACCEPTED
YOUR OFFER...

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APPLICANT TASTER DAY

(PRE-PROGRAMME EXPERIENCE)*

At the start of the summer holidays, you will take part in activities relating to your chosen course and experience what it's like to be a student at Loughborough College. Attending this event is a necessary step in securing your place at college.

*This may also be an online/digital event so you may not need to come into college, details will be clarified nearer the time.

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REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT

Once you've received your GCSE results, you'll be invited to speak to a tutor online and sign up for your course. Specific details will be sent to you in your induction pack.

As course places are limited, if you are unable to make an event when invited, please contact:

eventreply@loucoll.ac.uk
01509 618375

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FUNDING & SUPPORT

Over the summer, we'll send you information about our Bursary Fund. Everyone who has applied will automatically be sent an application form. All you need to do is complete and return the form to us with the appropriate evidence. Aged 19 or over? We'll send you a fees and funding pack, including information about funding options and Advanced Learning Loans.

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INDUCTION INFORMATION

We'll send you an information pack with everything you'll need to get you ready for the start of your course in September. This will include your enrolment allocation, course costs, and kit and uniform ordering information (if appropriate).

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**START YOUR
COURSE!**

 Sent by e-mail

 Sent by post

 On website

CARING FOR CHILDREN

LEVEL 1

IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING A CAREER IN CHILDCARE OR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, THIS COURSE IS THE IDEAL INTRODUCTION TO THE SECTOR.

This qualification will develop your knowledge and awareness of the types of provision in the health, social care, and children's and young people's sectors. It is a great first step and can help you to decide whether a career in care is right for you.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Work experience in either a Childcare or Health & Social Care setting**
- **Opportunities to meet with employers within this sector**
- **Regular tutorials to consider your own personal and professional development needs**

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade E/2 or above, including English and Maths,

Evidence of commitment to learn,
A clear DBS check (formerly CRB check),

Evidence of a minimum 85% attendance.

Applicants aged 19+, with relevant experience but without formal qualifications, are encouraged to apply.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

1 year

COURSE COST

Aged 16–18: FREE!

Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Progress onto Level 2 Certificate in Early Years Education and Care or Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Health and Social Care.

YOUR CAREER IN CHILDCARE & EARLY YEARS

IF YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING WITH CHILDREN, WHETHER IN A CARING OR AN EDUCATIONAL CAPACITY, A CAREER IN CHILDCARE OR EARLY YEARS COULD BE PERFECT.

CAREERS

NANNY

£15,000 - £26,000

Looking after both babies and children of school age, duties include teaching basic social skills, dressing, feeding, bathing, play activities, and developing reading and writing skills.

EARLY YEARS TEACHER

£16,000 - £30,000

Your duties will include supporting the development and education of young children, making sure that they are safe, well cared for, and have opportunities to experience a wide range of stimulating and educational activities.

NURSERY MANAGER

£23,000 - £45,000

You will oversee the running of the nursery, supporting and developing the nursery team, keeping records and building relationships with parents, carers, schools and childcare professionals.

INDUSTRY STATS

EXPERIENCED CHILDCARE PROFESSIONALS CAN EARN UP TO

£45k
PER YEAR

CARING SERVICES IS ONE OF THE LARGEST OCCUPATIONAL SECTORS IN THE UK

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED

3.1 million
OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDCARE PLACES IN ENGLAND

ENGLAND'S EARLY YEARS PROVISION IS DELIVERED BY AN ESTIMATED

452,100

MEMBERS OF STAFF

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

LEVEL 2

THIS IS A QUALIFICATION FOR ANYONE WANTING TO WORK WITH CHILDREN. IT GIVES YOU THE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE THAT YOU NEED TO EITHER CARRY ON WITH FURTHER STUDY OR STEP STRAIGHT INTO A JOB.

This cutting-edge course explores the development of children from birth to 16 years of age. It covers exciting topics, like children and play, as well as the latest thinking in children's services.

COURSE CONTENT

- Equality, diversity and inclusive practice
- Support care routines for babies and young children
- Promote play in an Early Years Setting
- Health and safety of babies and young children
- Partnership working
- Promoting positive behaviour

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English and Maths: one at grade C/4 or above, the other at grade D/3 or above.

AND

A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for courses involving work placement and will be required before going into employment.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

1 year

COURSE COST

Aged 16–18: FREE!

Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Upon completion of this course, you could enter employment, as an assistant in a range of early years settings, or continue your studies on the two-year, full- or part-time CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care.



CASE STUDY

LAUREN DENNIS

“ I did a year of AS Levels at my old school, but hated sixth form, so I started looking around for an alternative.

I came to a couple of open days at Loughborough College, and the childcare and education course sounded much more up my street—now, having been here for a year, I can say that I genuinely do just love the course!

I usually spend three days a week in college, and two on placement at Albert Village Nursery, which I absolutely love. It's great to get the practical experience as opposed to just learning from a textbook—and the kids are really cute!

The tutors are lovely. Once I was stressing out about coursework at 9 o'clock on a Friday night—I emailed one of my tutors, and she got back to me within minutes!

I'm hoping to do a teaching degree at university, and want to be a primary school teacher.

CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION (EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR) LEVEL 3

THIS DIPLOMA WILL EQUIP YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE YOU NEED TO WORK WITH CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO FIVE YEARS OLD.

You will attend a work placement in an early-years setting, such as a nursery or a foundation class in a school, for the duration of the two years, where assessors will visit and evaluate your practice.

COURSE CONTENT

- Child Development
- Children's Play
- Children's Health and Wellbeing
- Working in Partnership
- International Perspectives
- Working with Children with Additional Needs

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Maths.

OR

Level 2 Certificate in Early Years Education and Care, as well as GCSE English and Maths at grade C/4 or above.

AND

A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for courses involving work placement and will be required before going into employment.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

2 years

COURSE COST

Aged 16-18: FREE!

Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Upon completion of this course, you may enter employment as a childcare or education worker in a variety of settings in either the public, private, or voluntary sector, both in this country and abroad.

A number of students each year progress into both full- and part-time Higher Education, leading to careers in nursing, teaching, and social work.



CASE STUDY

RADHIKA DATTANI

“ I started my A Levels in Leicester, but soon found out I didn't really like exams, and wasn't happy with the support, so my friends suggested Loughborough.

I ended up enrolling on Results Day, and since starting the course, I've learnt a lot about what I could use in real life.

I've done a placement at a primary school too, helping out in class one day a week, and that's been really good. So much so, I'd like to stay local to do a primary teaching degree when I finish.

There's always extra support available when it comes to coursework—the assignment workshops mean there's always someone to ask if you get stuck.

Outside of my studies, I've taken part in some fundraising at the college, as project manager for a charity bake sale.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

LEVEL 2

THIS VOCATIONAL COURSE WILL HELP YOU TO DEVELOP THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND PERSONAL QUALITIES NEEDED TO WORK IN A CARE SETTING.

You will be learning to understand human growth and development through the life stages, exploring cultural diversity, developing effective communication skills, and exploring the impact of diet on people's health.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Communication in Health & Social Care**
- **Individual Rights and Needs**
- **Maintaining Health and Security**
- **Creative Activities**
- **Work Placement in Health & Social Care Settings**
- **Human Lifespan Development**

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade D/3, including English and Maths.

AND

A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for courses involving work placement and will be required before going into employment.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

1 year

COURSE COST

Aged 16-18: FREE!

Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Successful students could progress onto a variety of courses, for instance the CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care, the CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care, or go directly into employment in the care sector.

YOUR CAREER IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA OF HELPING PEOPLE, WHETHER IN A CARING, NURSING, OR SUPPORTIVE ROLE, A CAREER IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COULD BE IDEAL.

CAREERS

SOCIAL WORKER

£22,000 - £40,000

As a social care worker, you would work in a nursing or residential home or a day care centre. Your duties would include helping residents and service users with daily tasks to improve their quality of life.

HEALTH CARE SUPPORT WORKER

£15,000 - £20,000

You could work in a hospital, doctor's general practice, or pharmacy. Your duties would include building relationships and providing help and guidance on a wide range of health care issues.

HEALTH SERVICE MANAGER

£23,000 - £41,000

Responsible for managing the cost, delivery, and quality of local health care services.

INDUSTRY STATS

EXPERIENCED HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONALS COULD EARN UP TO

£41k

PER YEAR

REGULAR PERFORMANCE REVIEWS AND PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDE GREAT CAREER PROGRESSION ROUTES WITHIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SECTOR

THE LARGEST PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYER IS THE NHS, EMPLOYING ROUGHLY

1.5 million
MEMBERS OF STAFF

ON ANY ONE DAY, THERE ARE

90,000

SOCIAL CARE JOB VACANCIES
IN ENGLAND

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

LEVEL 3

THIS COURSE WILL SUIT PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES.

It is relevant for people who would like to work in nursing, social work, home/day care, or residential care, as well as in more general careers involving work with children, young people, adults, or older people.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Equality, Diversity and Rights**
- **Sociological and Psychological Perspectives**
- **Human Development and Growth**
- **Safeguarding in Health and Social Care**
- **Infection Prevention and Control**
- **Reflective Practice**

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4, including English and Maths.

AND

A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for courses involving work placement and will be required before going into employment.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

2 years

COURSE COST

Aged 16–18: FREE!

Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

As well as entering employment, you could progress on to vocational degrees in nursing, occupational therapy, social work, or youth and community work. You could also progress on to relevant academic degrees in areas such as criminology, psychology, sociology, or social policy.



DEMENTIA CARE INSIGHT FOR LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE STUDENTS

The 15-strong group, who are all studying health and social care with the college, took their learning out of the classroom to gain first-hand experience when they shared a day of activities at the Mountview Care Home in Rothley.

“We spent time exploring the range of spaces which provide a therapeutic and supportive environment at the home including gardening, music and art rooms, a library and cinema we were given demonstrations of some of the equipment and procedures used in day to day care.

“Our students then helped serve lunch, sat with the residents while they ate and tidied away before sharing in a fantastic afternoon of activities, including making Easter cards,” said Loughborough College Caring Services programme lead Sharon Geary.

“These students are studying the support of individuals with learning difficulties and are particularly looking at dementia and as this home specializes in dementia it was incredibly valuable for them to take the theory they had learnt in lessons into that environment. Not only did they realise some of the challenges of working with individuals with dementia but they also experienced how rewarding it can be. And it was apparent just how much the residents appreciated having so many extra visitors to spend time with.

“We are very grateful to Paul Edwards, the Events and Activities Manager at Mountview, for providing this opportunity. He was very pleased with our students and we are already looking forward to building on our partnership with the home, returning regularly and joining them on outings.”

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL 1

THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A WIDE RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED FOR A CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES.

The Level 1 course is aimed at students who are seeking a broad academic and practical qualification, delivered in an adult environment. Not only is this course unique, interesting, and challenging; it also offers additional units which, when combined with the main qualification, further enhance your goal of succeeding in your chosen career.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Introduction to Fitness and Lifestyle for Working in Public Services**
- **Introduction to Expedition Skills**
- **Personal Skills for the Public Services**
- **Introduction to Health and Safety in Public Services**
- **Introduction to Security Procedures in the Public Services**
- **Level 1 Functional Skills in Numeracy and Literacy**

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two GCSEs at grade G or above

You must be motivated and able to take some responsibility for your own learning, as well as have a good record of school attendance.

All students will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to a career in a public service.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

1 year

COURSE COST

Aged 16-18: FREE!

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Aged 19+: See Page 3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Public Services at Loughborough College.

YOUR CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICES

IF YOU WANT A CAREER THAT'S FAST PACED AND HIGHLY REWARDING, SUPPORTING IMPORTANT SOCIETAL FUNCTIONS ACROSS A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT SECTORS, A CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES COULD BE FOR YOU.

CAREERS

FIREFIGHTER

£22,000 - £42,000

Keeps people and property safe from harm. Mainly deals with fire-related emergencies but may assist in dealing with other dangers and threats.

SOLDIER

£14,750 - £47,500

Maintains a high degree of military effectiveness and sufficient readiness to manage crises and combat operations and generally keep the peace. Is willing to defend the UK and its territories.

POLICE OFFICER

£19,000 - £55,000

Works to keep communities crime-free by investigating criminal activity and upholding the law.

INDUSTRY STATS

A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICES COULD EARN YOU UP TO

£55k

PER YEAR WITH EXPERIENCE

THE ARMED FORCES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE AMONG THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN THE UK JOB MARKET

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY

42,300

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE STAFF EMPLOYED IN ENGLAND

29% OF ALL POLICE OFFICERS IN ENGLAND AND WALES ARE FEMALE

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL 2

THIS COURSE IS FOR THOSE WANTING A CAREER IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES, INCLUDING THE POLICE, ARMY, NAVY, ROYAL MARINES, OR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES.

This course is the equivalent of four GCSEs at grade C or above and can act as a progression route to Level 3 courses and then to Higher Education.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Public Service Skills**
- **Employment in the Uniformed Public Services**
- **Career Planning in the Public Services**
- **Improving Health and Fitness for Entry into the Public Services**
- **Adventurous Activities**
- **Expedition, Land Navigation, Map and Compass Skills**

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSEs at grade D/3, including English and Maths.

A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for courses involving work placement and will be required before going into employment.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

1 year

COURSE COST

Aged 16-18: FREE!

Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Successful completion of this course will enhance your chance of progressing on to the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Public Services at Loughborough College. The direction you choose could be towards a uniformed or non-uniformed public service career.

This course can also act as a stepping stone to a range of careers not necessarily related to the public services, such as in the sport or business sectors.



GROUND BREAKING PARTNERSHIP SEES LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE STUDENTS TURN FIRE FIGHTER

Loughborough College students became fledgling fire fighters for a day in a ground-breaking partnership.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service joined forces with the College and arrived on campus to give 16-18 year olds on the Public Services course a taste of the test faced by real life potential recruits.

Challenges against the clock for the 20-strong group included an enclosed space simulation, a ladder climb and casualty evacuation, all while wearing full firefighter kit.

“Our pioneering collaboration with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue offered our students a fantastic opportunity to gain a first hand insight into life as a fire fighter,” said Loughborough College public services lecturer Shaun Hession – who himself spent 25 years in the service, including in New Parks which was at the time the country’s busiest fire station.

Shaun also created and introduced the Fire Fit initiative which educated 10,000 school pupils in fire safety and resulted in lives being saved as a result.

“Our students were under the watchful eye of experienced fire fighters and it was a safe and encouraging environment - but that doesn’t mean that every one of the six tasks which made up the Point of Entry Selection Test didn’t take them way out of their comfort zone.

“It was a lot of fun but much harder than I thought it would be,” said 17 year old public services student Ben Rhodes.

“The equipment carry really pushed me physically and the manual dexterity test looked easy – until it was my turn! I was so happy to complete everything and to get good times. I 100% want to look at joining the fire service now – and being given the chance to do the test means I know what I need to focus on to have a good chance of success.”

Fellow Loughborough College public services student Sophie Fletcher, also 17, added: **“I was a bit nervous before the test because I really didn’t know what to expect but the fire fighters were so supportive. I wasn’t keen on the confined spaces task - they put a special mask on you that blocks you being able to see - but I was told to breathe and keep calm and I was so proud when I completed it. It certainly gave me an insight into the fire service as a potential career and it was such a great experience and I enjoyed it so much, I’m definitely considering it now.”**

Vince Howard, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Services’ On-Call Liaison Officer, said: **“By working in collaboration with Loughborough College, we are providing the overarching support to give students a pathway between their mainstream education and their full-time employment with Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, or any other uniformed service they may choose to go on to in the future.”**

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL 3

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING A CAREER IN ANY OF THE SERVICES AT OFFICER OR TECHNICAL TRADE LEVEL, THIS COURSE IS FOR YOU.

It offers an excellent opportunity to make an informed choice about a leadership career in the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Services, Army, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, Prison Service, Security Organisations, HM Customs and Exiles, or the Merchant Navy.

COURSE CONTENT

- **Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions**
- **Responding to Emergency Service Incidents**
- **Planning and Management of Major Incidents**
- **Physical Preparation for the Public Services**
- **Fitness Testing for the Uniformed Public Services**
- **Leadership and Team Work**

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English and Maths.

A satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for courses involving work placement and will be required before going into employment.

START DATE

September

END DATE

June

DURATION

2 years

COURSE COST

Aged 16-18: FREE!

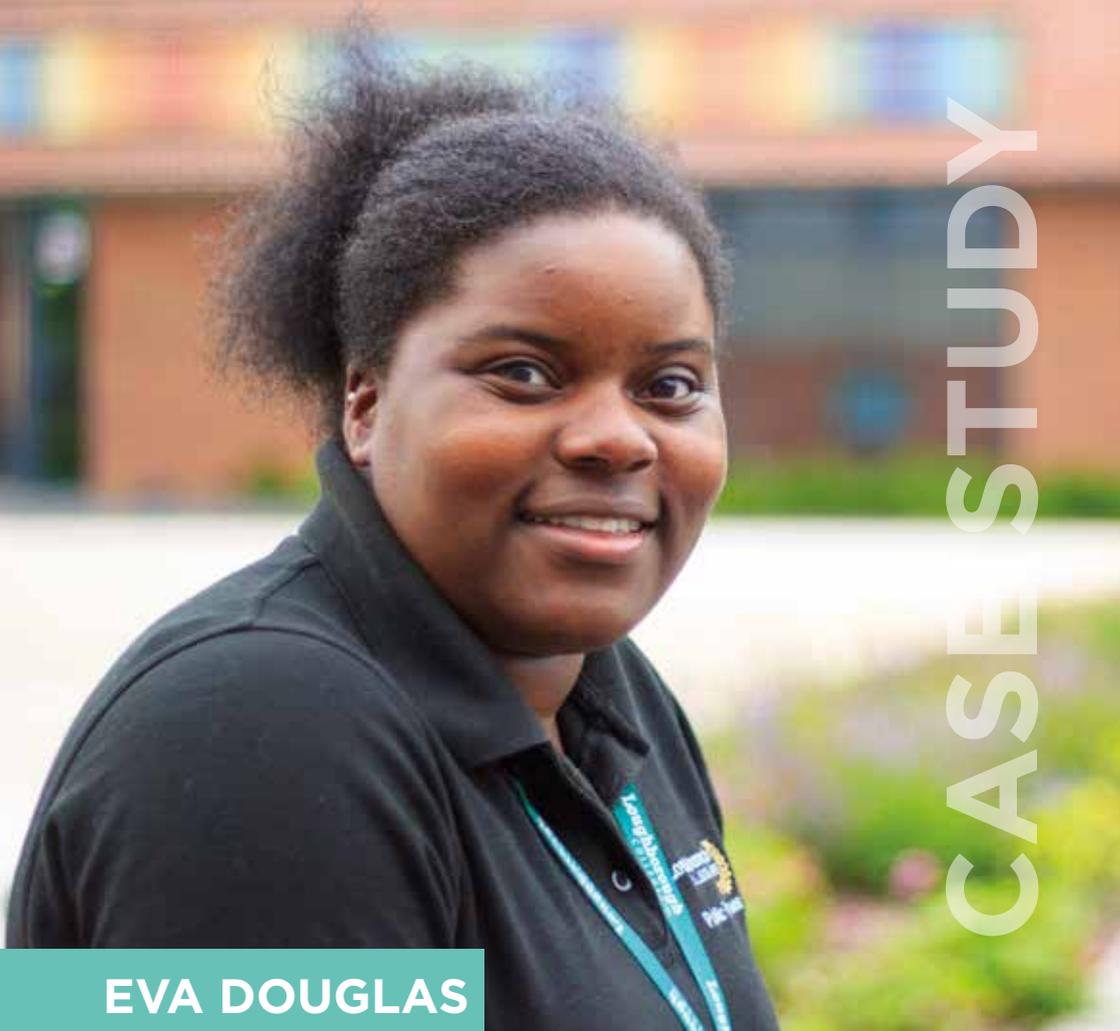
Aged 19+: See p3 for funding options

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Successful completion of the course will enhance your chance of entry into a public service but cannot guarantee entry as this is subject to you meeting separate entry requirements.

You can also use this course to progress on to an HND course, a Foundation Degree, or a bachelor's degree.

The course can also act as a stepping stone to a range of careers not necessarily related to the uniformed services but which require you to be educated to A Level-standard.

A portrait of a young Black woman with her hair in a bun, smiling and looking slightly to the side. She is wearing a black polo shirt with a lanyard around her neck. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a brick building.

EVA DOUGLAS

“ Following my GCSEs, I started a music course, but decided it wasn't really for me. After chatting to one of the careers advisors, I moved to public services, and I'm really happy I did!

I really enjoyed the trip to Walesby Forest; we took part in loads of different team building activities—such as night navigation and river crossing—and it was good to get to know everyone early on.

It's not like being at school. The tutors are really open and friendly—you're sort of on the same level.

One of my favourite topics has been crime and its effects, and that's inspired my ideas about what I want to do after my course. I'd like to study social work at uni, then work with young offenders.

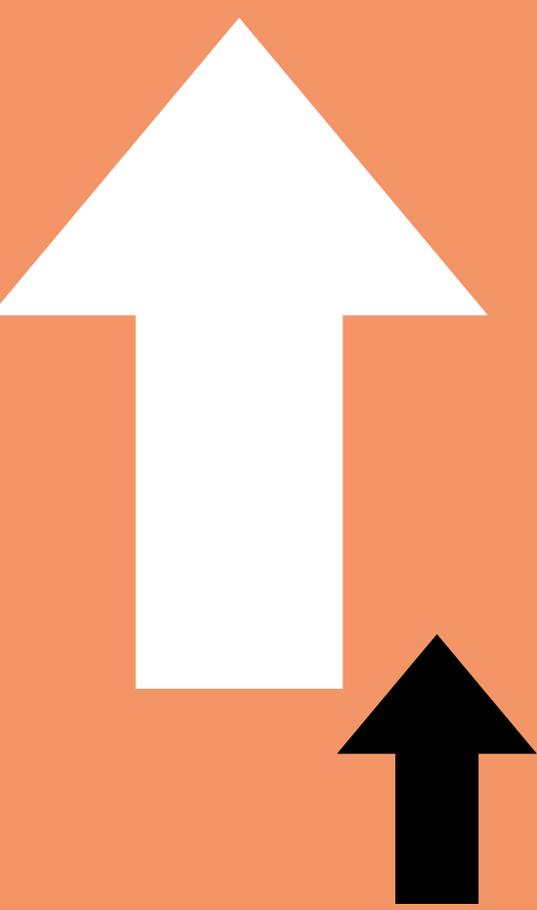
NEW

FOR

SEPTEMBER 2021

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



T Levels are a brand new, two-year qualification designed with employers to give you a head start towards the future you want.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels. T Levels offer an alternative to A levels, Apprenticeships or other post 16 courses and ensure that you gain the knowledge and skills you need to move into skilled work, an apprenticeship or further study.

They bring classroom learning (80% of the course) and an extended industry placement (20% of the course) together on a programme designed with businesses and employers

EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

T LEVEL

EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYMENT SECTORS IN LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE AND IS CONTINUING TO GROW. THE NEED FOR A SKILLED AND PASSIONATE WORKFORCE IN THE EARLY YEARS SECTOR CONTINUES TO BE CRITICAL AS HIGH QUALITY EARLY YEARS PROVISION CAN HAVE A POSITIVE AND LASTING IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT.

On the Education and Childcare T Level, you'll learn a wide range of knowledge on topics needed to be successful in this rewarding sector. You will learn about key topics such as child development, supporting education, parents, families and carers and wellbeing.

COURSE CONTENT

YEAR 1:

Core: Knowledge and understanding of contexts, concepts and theories of the Education and Childcare sector:

- Employer Set Project
- Industry Placement

YEAR 2:

- Specialise in key areas of Early Years Education and Childcare
- Continuation of Industry Placement with an external Education and Childcare employer

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including both English Language and Maths.

A previous study of education and/or childcare is not a requirement; however, you should have an interest in education and childcare and be prepared to discuss this further at interview.

DURATION

2 years

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Progress to University:

You can use the UCAS points you achieve as a result of completing your T level to continue your studies at university.

Enter Employment:

You can use the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained to start working in the education and childcare sector industry.

Apprenticeship:

There are many opportunities offered through apprenticeships that allow you to carry on learning (20%) whilst spending most of your time (80%) furthering your skills in the workplace.

HEALTH T LEVEL

ON THE HEALTH T LEVEL, YOU'LL LEARN A WIDE RANGE OF KNOWLEDGE ON TOPICS NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS VITAL SECTOR, SPECIALISING IN SUPPORTING THE ADULT NURSING TEAM.

You will learn about key topics such as providing person centred care, health and wellbeing, infection prevention and control and good scientific and clinical practice, such as standard operating procedures, management of equipment and work areas, stock control and storage, and the importance of quality standards, health and safety.

COURSE CONTENT

YEAR 1:

Core: Knowledge and understanding of contexts, concepts and theories of the Healthcare sector:

- Employer Set Project
- Industry Placement

YEAR 2:

- Specialise in key areas of Healthcare
- Continuation of Industry Placement with an external Healthcare employer

DETAILS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language, Maths and Science.

A previous study of health is not a requirement; however, you should have an interest in the healthcare sector and be prepared to discuss this further at interview.

DURATION

2 years

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Progress to University:

You can use the UCAS points you achieve as a result of completing your T level to continue your studies at university.

Enter Employment:

You can use the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained to start working in the health sector.

Apprenticeship:

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FEATURES & BENEFITS

Level 2 EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

- Placements in early years settings
- Guest speakers, who are practising childcare professionals
- A range of teaching methods, adapted to your preferred learning style
- Opportunities to upgrade your literacy and numeracy skills

Level 3 CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION (EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR)

- Placements in primary schools with KS1 age groups, in private day nurseries with toddlers, and also the opportunity to work with young babies
- Guest speakers, who are practising health and social care professionals
- A range of teaching methods, adapted to your preferred learning style

Level 2 and Level 3 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- Two work placements in different settings, depending on interest and location of students. Many assignment tasks are firmly based on this experience.
- Guest speakers - who are practising health and social care professions.
- We are constantly developing new resources to encourage active ways of learning.

Level 1 PUBLIC SERVICES

- Guest speakers from a range of public services, including the Fire Service, Royal Marines, Royal Navy, RAF, Armed Forces, and Prison Service, come to College to talk to you about living and working in these professions.
- You may take part in residential visits to public service bodies such as the Armed Forces, Police Headquarters, the Fire Service, or a prison.
- Outdoor activities include short expeditions, which are designed to enable you to work as part of a team and build self-confidence.

Level 3 PUBLIC SERVICES

- You may visit a variety of Public Service organisations, listen to talks by guest speakers from the industry and take part in residential at Public Service establishments, as well as expeditions.
- You will be expected to take part in extra curriculum activities such as voluntary work and residential.

Level 2 PUBLIC SERVICES

- Have the opportunity to work towards achieving Functional Skills in English and Maths, Edexcel Work Skills, the NCFE Award in Exploring in Enterprise, and the Junior Sports Leaders Award, as well as various opportunities for volunteering
- Have opportunities to visit a variety of public service organisations and gain knowledge of the industry from guest speakers
- Have plenty of chances to take part in team building activities

T Level EDUCATION, CHILDCARE AND HEALTH

- Valuable experience of learning from the experts through working side by side with those in the health sector on your industry placement so that you have the chance to learn what this career is like in the real world while you continue your studies.
- T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies.

FAQs

I NEED EXTRA SUPPORT WITH MY STUDIES. WHAT HELP CAN I GET AT LOUGHBOROUGH COLLEGE?

There are staff on hand to help you with your academic progress. Our specialist advisors can also help with additional requirements, and we have a fantastic team of learning support assistants who can provide in-class assistance.

WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR TUITION FEES?

There are no tuition fees for full-time students under 19 who are enrolled on a Further Education course. If you're over 18, see page 3 for guidance.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T GET THE GRADES I WAS EXPECTING?

If you don't get your predicted results, don't panic! Our Student Recruitment team is on hand to help, and we'll make sure that we find another course that is suitable for you.

CAN I WORK A PART-TIME JOB WHILST STUDYING?

We recommend no more than 8-9 working hours per week. Research has shown that 10+ hours can negatively affect academic achievement, so make sure you're prioritising correctly.

CAN I SPEAK TO SOMEBODY ABOUT THE COURSES YOU OFFER?

Yes, we have a dedicated Student Recruitment advisory team who will be happy to provide you with the information on our courses and answer any questions you may have. Give us a call on **01509 618375** or e-mail us at **studentrecruitment@loucoll.ac.uk**

CAN YOU ONLY STUDY ONE T LEVEL?

Yes. Each T level is a full-time programme that lasts two years.

HOW MANY EMPLOYERS WILL I WORK WITH AS PART OF MY INDUSTRY PLACEMENT?

It is likely that you will work with at least 2 employers as part of your industry placement so that you have the opportunity to experience different working environments.

CAN I CHOOSE TO DO ANOTHER COURSE IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

Yes. You can change your course before enrolment by contacting the Student Recruitment team on **01509 618375**.

If you've already started your course and find that it isn't right for you, don't worry; there will be opportunities for you to discuss suitable alternatives.

DO I HAVE TO PAY TO COMPLETE A T LEVEL?

Like A Levels, there are no tuition fees to study a T Level if you start before you are 19.

DOES THE COLLEGE OFFER FINANCIAL HELP?

We offer a bursary fund to help with additional costs associated with your course, such as transport, kit or uniform, and childcare costs. Eligibility is based on household income. You don't need to request a bursary application form, as they are sent to everyone who has applied to study with us (usually in July/August).

Further information is available here:

www.loucoll.ac.uk/student-services

WHAT'S THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION?

As a college we would advise you to apply by 28th May 2021. This will allow you to get the most out of what we can offer you, helping you to make the important decisions about the courses you're interested in. However, we will however continue to consider applications made after this date.

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