



Brookenhurst College

# Higher Education

Early Childhood 2026

Working in Academic Partnership with



# Welcome

At Brockenhurst College we are committed to giving you an outstanding Higher Education experience, helping you to build the future you want.

By choosing to continue your learning with us you will benefit from small class sizes, expert tuition and access to first class facilities.

Furthermore, you will grow in confidence thanks to the individual pastoral support that is a hallmark of our teaching and learning.

For over 25 years we have helped people get to where they want to be in their professional lives.

This is your opportunity to follow in their successful footsteps.

**Lisa Bell,**  
Director of Higher Education,  
Adults and Apprenticeships

## Application

To apply for any of our Higher Education courses, please visit our website to complete our Higher Education application form.

For more information or advice on your application, or to discuss any course in more detail, please contact Admissions.

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**T: 01590 625500**  
**[www.brock.ac.uk/he](http://www.brock.ac.uk/he)**



# What we can do for you

**Launch your career in the Early Years sector with our expert teaching and university-standard facilities.**

Our Level 5 and Level 6 study programmes are structured to help you combine your work, study and personal life. Importantly, when you choose to study with us you can be sure your qualification will be valued and respected within the Early Years sector and beyond.

Our Early Childhood team has won an Innovation Award for Teaching and Learning and is proud to support Early Years practitioners to become graduates who will make a real difference.

### Quality learning

All our HE tutors have expert knowledge and a wealth of professional experience. Many also have higher degrees and engage in academic research. Each tutor is passionate about the subject and will strive to help you realise your potential.

### Assessments

Assessments are designed to meet the various learning needs of students, ensuring that individuals can achieve their potential. We offer a variety of assessment methods including presentations, assignments and portfolios.

### Support

Your module tutor and programme leader will give you advice and support on every aspect of your course. They will work with you to develop your skills, expertise and career plans. You can also ask for specialist support if you need it. Furthermore, our Student Services team will be on-hand to address any questions or concerns you may have and support you with your health and wellbeing. In addition, our Careers Advice Service will provide one-to-one sessions to help you plan your professional progress. Finally, representatives from the University of Chichester will visit the College as part of our academic partnership.

### Mentor relationships

You will have the support of a mentor while studying at Level 5. Your mentor will be your first point of contact during your studies and you will receive work visits at least twice over the two years from a member of the Early Childhood team.

### Student voice

Every year you and your peers will appoint two student representatives who will be your voice at the programme board. These individuals will meet with HE tutors each semester.

### Travel to college

As a student you can obtain discounted passes on South West Trains services to the nearby mainline station. You can also benefit from subsidised bus services directly to and from our main campus. In addition, you can apply for a complimentary car parking permit.

### Facilities

All Higher Education courses will be delivered in our Early Childhood area in a vibrant and innovative classroom. There you will find modern facilities that are regularly reviewed and updated to deliver the optimum learning experience. Also, our Brock Hub is a spacious independent study environment, which is equipped with specially-trained staff to support you. As an HE student you will be registered with the University of Chichester and have access to a university Moodle and email account as well as University of Chichester learning resources.

**For more information on any of the above please visit: [www.brock.ac.uk/he](http://www.brock.ac.uk/he)**

# Level 4/5 Foundation Degree in Early Years

**You can achieve your career progression along with two thirds of a BA Honours degree with this Brockenhurst-based University of Chichester programme.**

It is designed for people from a variety of Early Childhood settings including pre-schools and nurseries, as well as children's health and social care services.

As an HE student you will gain a broad range of knowledge and skills by studying childhood from multiple perspectives. These perspectives comprise psychological, historical, cultural, sociological and philosophical viewpoints. You will also learn about

the diverse contexts in which children develop and learn.

The programme will be delivered partly through taught sessions and partly through employer-supported work-based learning. This qualification will enable you to complete a BA (Hons) Top-up Degree in Early Childhood, giving you full university graduate status.

## The programme

This programme is two years full-time, completed one day a week at Brockenhurst. Alternatively, you can study the course part-time at Bishops Otter Campus at Chichester.

## Entry requirements

You must be employed or undertaking voluntary work in an Early Years setting for a minimum of 12 hours a week and have the support of your employer (unless you are self-employed). You must have a current DBS check and a Level 3 qualification in Early Years Care and Education or equivalent. GCSE grade 4 or above in English and Maths is desirable. We will also consider Level 2 Functional Skills.

## Fees

Fees are £4,000 a year.



# BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Level 6 Top-up

**This programme is the ideal progression route if you have completed an HND or Foundation Degree in Early Years and now want to top-up to a BA Honours qualification.**

You will critically explore childhood and family life from different perspectives through this multi-disciplinary learning opportunity. You will also develop your critical understanding of Early Years practice and frameworks from ethical, social, legal and political perspectives.

**Indicative modules:** special needs and disability; working with families; leading and managing professional practice; learning, teaching and caring in adventure education; and children's literature and the media. You will also undertake an independent project of your choice.

## The programme

You will attend college one day a week for one year full-time at Brockenhurst. Alternatively, you can study the course part-time at Bishops Otter Campus at Chichester.

## Entry requirements

You must be employed or undertaking voluntary work in an Early Years setting for a minimum of 12 hours a week and have the support of your employer (unless you are self-employed). You must have a current DBS check and a Level 5 Foundation Degree in Early Years or equivalent. GCSE grade 4 or above in English and Maths is desirable. We will also consider Level 2 Functional Skills.

## Fees

Fees are £6,000 a year.

## Events

HE Recruitment and Selection Evenings will be held in January, March and June. At these events you will be able to talk with specialist HE lecturers to discover more about what is on offer and how each programme can help you achieve your ambitions.

Twilight sessions will be held in July for successful applicants for Level 5 and Level 6 study programmes in preparation for the new academic year.

You can find out more about events on our website: [www.brock.ac.uk](http://www.brock.ac.uk)



## Tuition Fees

You can pay your tuition fees by cash, cheque, credit/debit card, direct debit instalments, or by taking out a tuition fee loan from Student Finance England.

For more information about a Higher Education loan from Student Finance, please visit [www.gov.uk/student-finance](http://www.gov.uk/student-finance)

If you have any questions about tuition fees, please call **01590 625555** or email [enquiries@brock.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@brock.ac.uk)

### Additional costs

As a Higher Education student you will benefit from many different resources and initiatives to support your learning. However, there may be additional costs for specific modules.



For more information please visit: [www.brock.ac.uk/he](http://www.brock.ac.uk/he) where you will find the College policies and Terms & Conditions.



# How to find us

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