

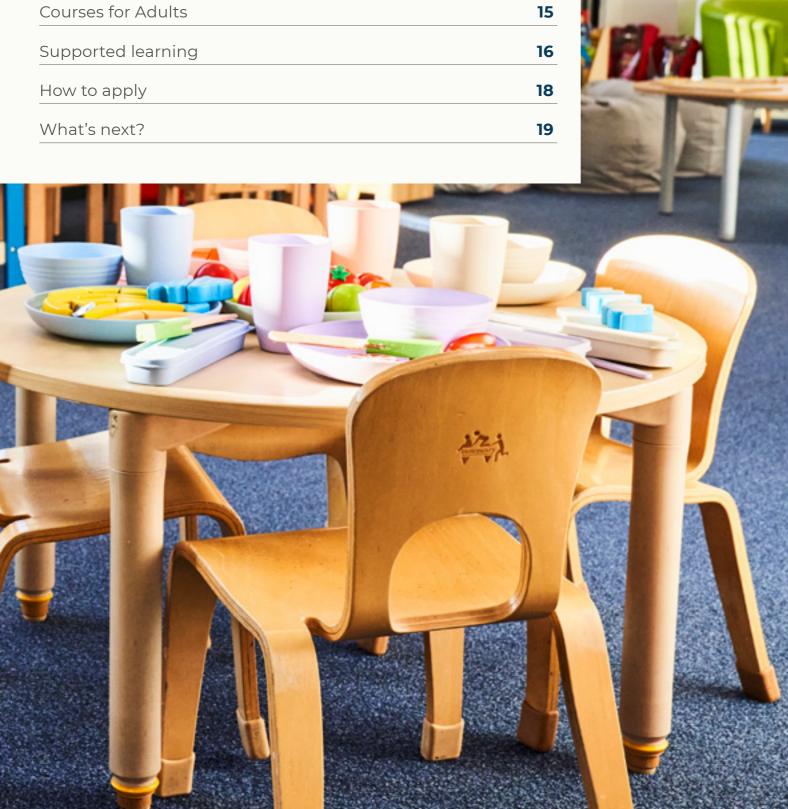






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Education and Early Years at The Manchester College



Get career ready from day one

Our courses are designed with employability in mind, giving you real-world skills for roles in early years teaching, childcare, teaching support and more - all linked to Greater Manchester's growing education and early years sector.



Learn from industry experts

You'll be taught by experienced tutors who bring real education and early years knowledge into the classroom, helping you understand what employers are looking for right now. Find out more about your tutors on our website: tmc.ac.uk/education-early-years.



Experience education and early years in action

Through work placements, employer-led projects, and visits to top employers, you'll build practical experience that looks great on your CV.



Discover what inspires you

Start with a solid education and early years foundation, then specialise in areas that match your goals and interests as you progress - from assistant teaching to special educational needs support.



Go beyond the classroom

Take part in enrichment activities, enterprise challenges and networking events that develop your confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills - all key for success in the education and early years sector.





Job figures

There were approx. **15,729** employees working in the education and early years sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **4.9%** by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage nationally range from £16,000 to £40,000 per year (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **2,107** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs
Child Protection Officer
Early Years Teacher
Educational Support Assistant
Nanny / Childminder
Nursery Manager
Nursery Worker
Playworker
Special Educational Needs (SEN) Teacher
Tanahina Assistant

Skills needed
Communication
Due diligence
English language
Learning support
Management
Mathematics
Mental health
Planning
Resilience
SEND awareness
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Examples of GM Employers
Bright Horizons Family Solutions
Busy Bees Childcare
Heaton Park View
Kids Planet
Little Ways Day Nursery
Local Councils
Puddle Ducks
Sure Start Childrens' Centres
Tinies Childcare
Tiny Turtles Day Nursery

Data sourced from Lightcast and National Careers Service April 2025.

Careers information







I chose a T Level because of the placement opportunities and the chance to experience the actual work environment. I liked seeing the children progress, and we focus highly on safeguarding as a vital part.



Hina T Level in Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching)



Where to find us

If you have a passion for supporting children and making a difference in their early learning, our Education and Early Years courses are a great place to start. You'll gain hands-on experience through placements, build practical skills in a supportive environment and learn from expert tutors.



- Industry-standard mock nursery, early years setting and fully equipped baby room
- · State-of-the-art sensory room
- · 30-station gym and strength and conditioning room
- · Bookable sports hall and 3G pitch with spectator seating
- Dedicated coffee bar serving Starbucks
- · Street food-style lunch options.







- · Industry-standard mock nursery and early years setting
- Two libraries with dedicated study areas and quiet zones
- · Refectory serving hot and cold food options
- · Spacious social areas and large garden
- · Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.





- · Student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- · Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory
- · Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.

Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.



Building your employability

To get you career-ready, you'll take part in activities that boost your skills and understanding of the world of work. You'll be supported by a dedicated Employability Co-ordinator who will support you to develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- Grow in confidence as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure parttime or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:







Discover where education and early years can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the education and early years sector through:

- Employer visits and Q&As
- · Careers events with industry experts
- · Trips to education and early years settings.





This will help you decide which path to take after your course - whether that's progressing to degree-level study with our higher education partner UCEN Manchester, starting an apprenticeship or going straight into employment.



Courses

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3, including T Levels. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification.



T Level Education and Early Years (Assisting Teaching)



Level 3 Openshaw | 2 years

Develop the knowledge and practical skills to work in education and early years, from supporting teachers to planning and delivering learning activities. You'll cover safeguarding, child development, health and safety, working with families and supporting children with a range of needs. Through a 750-hour placement, you'll gain hands-on experience and build the confidence to work effectively with children and colleagues. Upon completion, you'll be prepared for roles such as Teaching Assistant, Early Years Practitioner or Learning Mentor.

T Level Education and Early Years (Early Years Educator)



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Level 3 Openshaw | 2 years

Build the knowledge and practical expertise you need for a rewarding career in education and early years. You'll explore how to support children's play, learning and overall development and learn to build strong, positive relationships. The programme covers planning and delivering care, play and learning opportunities, safeguarding and promoting health and well-being. You'll also develop teamwork and communication skills during your 750-hour placement to work effectively with families and colleagues, preparing you for roles such as Nursery Practitioner, SENDCo, Team Leader or Room Leader.

Early Years Practitioner

Level 2 | Harpurhey and Openshaw | 1 year

This course prepares you for a rewarding role as an Early Years Practitioner, focusing on safeguarding, protection and promoting the well-being of babies and young children. You'll gain practical knowledge in areas such as supporting children with special educational needs or disabilities, preparing them for school and using purposeful play and educational activities to aid their development. With a work placement two days a week, you'll build the hands-on experience and understanding needed to succeed in early years settings.

Caring for Children

Level 1 | Openshaw and Wythenshawe | 1 year

Ideal for anyone exploring a future in Education and Early Years, this programme introduces the core knowledge and skills needed to care for and support children. You'll learn how children grow and develop, how to respect and value their feelings and ways to manage challenging behaviour. Through play-based activities, crafts and lessons on health and safety, you'll gain a solid understanding of early learning and how to help children thrive – laying the foundation for further study and a rewarding career.

I enjoy the placement because it offers experience to confirm I'm on the right path. I've learned to be more organised and plan activities that meet children's needs. The staff are lovely, and the children enjoy getting messy!



Level 2 Early Years Practitioner

Courses for Adults

Are you aged over 19 and looking to upskill, retrain or progress your skills in education and early years? We've got a wide range of courses for you to help strengthen your CV, start a new career or go further in your current role.

We believe finances shouldn't be a barrier to your success, so if you have any questions about course fees, finance or funding, then get in touch with us.

Caring for Children

Level 1 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe

Supporting Teaching and Learning

Level 3 and Level 2 | Harpurhey and Wythenshawe



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tmc.ac.uk/funding





SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence through accessibility and inclusion.

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.

Find out more about how we can help you: tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning





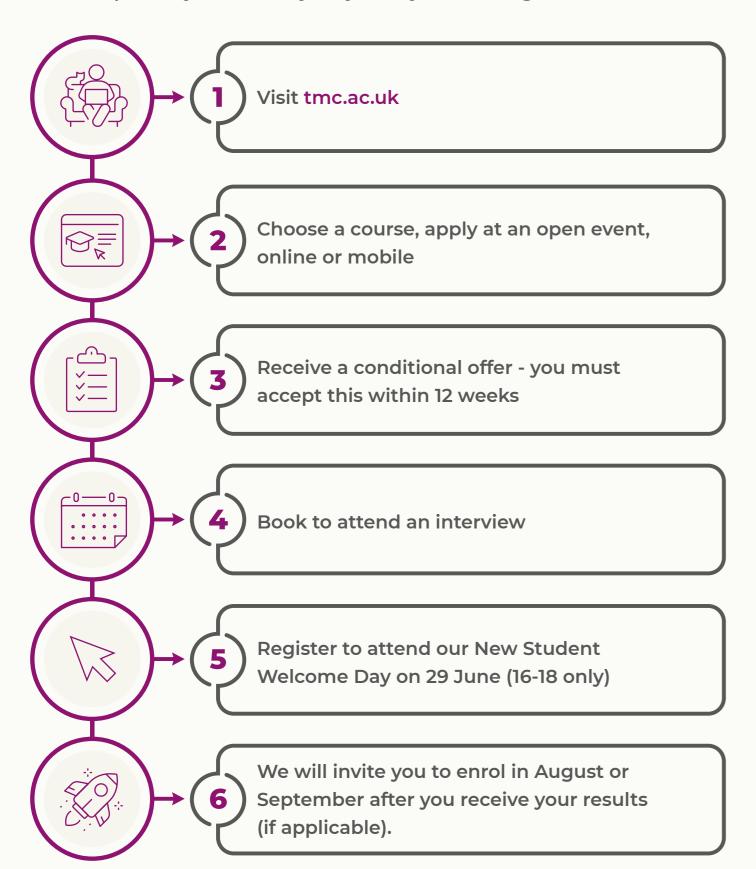


Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk



How to apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you'll be on your journey to amazing in no time.



What's next?

You've explored what's possible, now it's time to take your next steps.

To discover more about Education and Early Years, and to start your application, scan the QR code or visit: **tmc.ac.uk/education-early-years**.





Visit us

There's no better way to get a feel for college than visiting in person.

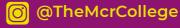
Join us at one of our open events to:

- Learn more about our courses
- Tour our industry-standard facilities
- Meet our expert tutors
- Ask any questions you may have.

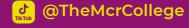
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Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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All course information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit tmc.ac.uk. The Manchester College® be amazing





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