

Nottingham Institute of Education

Careers brochure

What can I achieve with my degree?





Where can a career in Education take you?

Education is not just about teaching and schools. Our courses enable you to pursue a diverse range of career paths.

Studying Education provides you the opportunity to develop a broad range of transferable skills, which enhance your employability. These include various kinds of verbal and non-verbal communication abilities, ICT, numeracy, social skills, organisational and management skills, and critical thinking skills.

An Education degree will provide a framework for a wide variety of possible careers. As well as roles based in schools and colleges, you may also consider sectors such as social work, refugee support, training, human resource management and many others.

Guaranteed interview scheme: teacher training

One of the benefits of studying on our Childhood Studies, Education Studies and Joint Honours courses is the broad knowledge and experience you'll gain. This experience may lead you to consider teaching, even if you have not considered this as a career before.

If you complete your degree, you are guaranteed an interview for a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) Primary teacher training course at NTU during your final undergraduate year (subject to places being available).

Terms and conditions apply. Find out more on our course pages.



Where can a degree in Childhood Studies take me?

What skills will I develop?

A Childhood Studies degree develops specific skills and knowledge around the subject of how children learn and develop. You'll learn about the history and culture of childhood, as well as the major theories of social, emotional and cognitive development.

You'll develop key transferable skills, including:

- written communication developed through writing essays;
- oral communication skills gained through reasoned debates during seminars and presentations;
- the ability to work as part of a team, through collaborative group work;
- research and analytical skills with the ability to judge and evaluate information;
- organisational and time management skills by prioritising tasks to ensure academic, social and work commitments are completed on time;
- negotiation, informally with peers and formally with staff;
- problem solving; and
- IT skills.



How can I boost my career prospects?

Childhood Studies graduates that go on to further study tend to take courses that lead to professional status. The most popular option is the PGCE, as many graduates go on to work as early years, primary or special needs teachers. Head to www.ntu.ac.uk/teachertraining to find out more about teacher training.

Other popular professional courses include nursing and postgraduate courses in social work. Employers are often supportive of further study and may support employees by providing funding or time off to complete coursework.

Your future career

A degree in Childhood Studies is an excellent foundation for careers working with children and young people in many sectors including health, education and social care.

"The course provided me with the basic knowledge needed to prepare me for the Masters degree in Social Work. I met some wonderful friends at Trent which I still meet up with today. It has been great watching how each of us moved on after University and chosen our varied career paths."

NTU alumna Eve Lester

BA Hons Childhood Studies (2011)

Social Worker



Job options

Jobs directly related to your degree include:

- early years teacher;
- family support worker;
- learning mentor;
- primary school teacher;
- special educational needs teacher;
- social worker;
- teaching assistant; and
- youth worker.

Jobs where your degree would be useful include:

- Child psychotherapist;
- Children's nurse;
- Community development worker;
- Counsellor;
- Educational psychologist; and
- Speech and language therapist.

Typical employers

Childhood Studies graduates enter employment in a variety of sectors with a range of employers, including local authorities, local and national charities, state and independent schools, nurseries, and health authorities.

Sure Start Children's Centres and the National Health Service (NHS) also employ graduates from Childhood Studies degrees.

"The course content has definitely been helpful for both roles I have completed since leaving NTU. You get to put theory into practice. My lecturers were always on hand to help if I had any problems."

NTU alumna Charlotte Hallam
BA Hons Childhood Studies (2013)

Teaching Assistant

Where can a degree in Education Studies take me?

What skills will I develop?

You develop specific skills relating to educational issues, theories of learning, equality and diversity, education policy and practice, creativity and education, and a general understanding of education in social, political and economic contexts.

You also gain skills that are useful in a variety of job sectors:

- communication skills – presenting effective oral and written arguments;
- IT skills;
- research and analytical skills;
- interpersonal skills with the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team;
- problem-solving skills;
- organisation and time management skills – prioritising your academic / part-time workloads and delivering essays on time; and
- self-management – planning your own workload and reflecting on and improving personal practice.

How can I boost my career prospects?

Achieving Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) through completion of the PGCE or equivalent postgraduate qualification, is a popular route for Education Studies graduates.

Alternatively, you may wish to take a Masters course in Education or a related social science in order to develop your understanding of the theory, research and policy of education, and to enhance your professional knowledge, skills and practice. Some Education Studies graduates go on to study for a PhD in Education.

Your future career

Education Studies graduates generally enter jobs working directly with children or young people, in a support capacity. Other roles in an educational setting, but with less direct contact with children or young people, include administration roles in education. There are posts available in other public sector organisations such as local government, the NHS and the civil service.

The Education Studies degree will provide a framework for a wide variety of possible careers. As well as roles based in schools and colleges, students may also consider sectors such as social work, refugee support, training, human resource management and many others. Our graduates* are following a variety of careers paths including roles as:

- learning support assistant;
- support worker;
- funding and monitoring officer;
- teaching assistant;
- early years practitioner;
- human resources manager;
- senior nursery nurse;
- PE teacher;
- prison outreach executive;
- behaviour manager;
- early years worker;
- childcare practitioner; and
- health and social care officer.

* DLHE Survey, 2015-16



Where can an Education Joint Honours degree take me?

What skills will I develop?

There are many careers open to graduates who complete Joint Honours degrees in Education. The flexibility of your degree means you'll have a particularly broad career choice. As well as roles based on the chosen subjects, students may also consider sectors such as teaching, training, human resource management and many others. Our graduates* are following a variety of career paths including roles as:

- teachers and lecturers;
- special needs teachers;
- business and sport development executives;
- academic mentors;
- financial advisers;
- events managers;
- teaching assistants;
- nursery nurses;
- sales and marketing executives;
- media sales;
- environmental officers; and
- behavioural mentors.

* DLHE Survey, 2015-16

Your future career

Our four subject strands can be combined to create degrees which have a proven history in preparing students for a wide range of careers and industries.

Careers related to Early Years

Jobs directly related to Early Years	Jobs where Early Years would be useful
Primary school teacher – particularly those including early years strands Early years practitioner Nursery practitioner Children’s centre practitioner Classroom assistant Learning support assistant Family support practitioner	Behaviour mentor Events coordinator Management trainee Museum education officer

Careers related to Psychology

Jobs directly related to Psychology	Jobs where Psychology would be useful
Behaviour mentor Early years practitioner Teaching autistic teenagers family support worker	Marketing assistant Recruitment consultant Advertising and media sales Business development manager

If you are interested in a career in Psychology, you can apply to study our PG Dip in Psychology at the end of your degree. The PG Dip in Psychology is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and allows you to gain Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the BPS.

Careers relating to Special and Inclusive Education

Jobs directly related to Special and Inclusive Education	Jobs where Special and Inclusive Education would be useful
Behaviour mentor	Early years practitioner
Teaching autistic teenagers	Development officer
Trainee autism tutor	Corporate events manager
Buddy tutor	Research assistant
Resident involvement officer	
Children's developmental coach	
NHS Asperger's team social inclusion practitioner	

Careers related to the study of Education Studies

Education Studies subject knowledge equips you for professional careers not only in education-related areas but also in a wider range of jobs. The following list is by AGCAS (the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services).

Jobs directly related to Education Studies	Jobs where Education Studies would be useful
Primary school teacher	Learning mentor
Early years teacher	Careers adviser / personal adviser
Special educational needs teacher	Museum education officer
Further education lecturer	Social worker
Adult education lecturer	Training and development officer
Community education officer	
Youth worker	
Education administrator	

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Where can a degree in Primary Education take me?

Teaching at a primary level allows you to use your energy, commitment and creativity in an intensely rewarding and satisfying career, which can make a real difference in children's lives.

What skills will I develop?

Through their Primary Education degree, graduates develop a valuable set of skills that are transferrable to a range of careers, including:

- knowledge of teaching and learning processes;
- thinking critically and creatively;
- initiating and challenging ideas;
- planning and organisation;
- patience and flexibility;
- knowledge of child development;
- interpretive and analytical thinking;
- problem solving skills; and
- oral and written communication.

Your future career

Graduates have gained positions in Primary schools in the UK and overseas. Primary Education graduates also find employment in government departments, educational publishing, social service agencies, and research fields.

Our graduates* are following a variety of career paths including roles as:

- primary school teacher;
- early years practitioner;
- family and child community worker;
- special education teacher;
- teaching assistant; and
- supply teacher.

* DLHE Survey, 2015-16

Marc Faulder, BA (Hons) Primary Education

Job title: Teacher

Role: Class teacher in Early Years, Interactive Technologies Leader.

Typical day: Teaching within a unit of 45 children aged four and five years.

"I have six years' teaching experience in the Foundation Stage and three years leading a curriculum subject. My current teaching position began in September 2013 and I joined a team of passionate teachers who together progressed a school from Special Measures to Good in just two terms. I learned so much from taking on this challenge and effective mentoring helped me to become an outstanding teacher.

"Nottingham Trent University continues to be a support for me. Since graduating I have returned regularly to present at Computing at Schools hubs, or plan and provide seminars for the current cohort of trainee teachers."







Dedicated employability support

We want you to graduate with the skills, knowledge and confidence to enable you to achieve your career goals – that’s why we provide the support and advice to help you to do just that.

Perfect partnerships

Our strong working relationships and connections within the public, private and third sectors mean that you learn directly from professionals who are experts in their field. Schools and colleges, public sector authorities, charities and private companies are all involved with the design and delivery of our courses ensuring a learning experience that is relevant to your future career.

A helping hand

We provide extensive services and facilities for every student. We’re here to give you the specialist guidance and practical help needed to make a real difference to your prospects once you graduate.

Our career events

All current students are invited to a series of workshops and events. These are designed to help you realise the huge range of employment opportunities an education related degree can bring. Our workshops provide guidance on making career plans, the current job market, finding job vacancies, putting together CVs and applications, and developing those all-important interview skills.

Specialist careers advice

We have a dedicated careers consultant who will support you throughout your time at NTU. We ensure that you receive specialist guidance relevant to you and your course. Our tailored advice can help you plan the steps you need to take to maximise your potential and reach your career goals.

Developing your employability skills

All of our courses provide you with important transferable skills that are applicable in a range of roles and in a variety of workplace settings. As well as developing an in-depth knowledge of your subject, you’ll also gain important teamworking, time management, communication and problem solving skills that are highly sought after by employers.

Links with industry

We involve industry experts in our courses in a number of ways:

- We consult with employers when we design and update our courses.
- We ensure you are prepared to meet the demands of the workplace by continually checking the currency and validity of our courses with employers.
- You may have the opportunity to have a work placement (if not already in paid or voluntary employment).
- Employers may input directly into your course through guest lectures, projects, and other work-related activities.

A world of opportunities to boost your employability

We offer a range of opportunities for you to broaden your experience, stand out from the crowd, and gain a range of skills that employers are looking for.

Opportunities include:

Acceler8 Employability Award

Gain formal recognition for your achievements outside of your studies with our Acceler8 Employability Award. Available to all students, this award will improve your employability prospects and act as a record of the experiences you gain at NTU.

Boost your prospects by learning a new language

Learning another language can increase your employability in today's global market. NTU's Language Programme allows you to learn a language in addition to studying your course.

Volunteering

Take part in Nottingham Trent Volunteering. You can get involved in one-day challenges, student-led and community projects, and international volunteering. Volunteering is an excellent way to boost your employability and make your CV stand out from the crowd.

International opportunities

Nottingham Institute of Education provides students on eligible courses with the opportunity to visit another country through its range of international opportunities.

On our Primary Education course, you may be able to take a two-week, Special Programme placement overseas in your third year. Our Childhood Studies, Education Studies and Joint Honours courses also actively encourage you to think internationally for your placement in Year Two.

"The experience of volunteering in a school in Bangkok was amazing. I was able to witness first-hand the differences in education in a different country and as a result my understanding of international approaches to children and education was widened greatly."

Lauren Busby

BA (Hons) Childhood Studies

Boost your employability with a Masters course at NTU

Our undergraduate degrees also provide a fantastic foundation from which to progress on to further study. You might want to consider getting into teaching with a PGCE, developing your leadership skills with a postgraduate degree (and perhaps even pursue an academic career path), or gain a professional qualification.

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