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# Early Years and Education Pathways



## What could you do with a higher education qualification in early years or education?

- + You could become a primary or secondary school teacher in a community college or school.
- + You could work as an Education and Childcare Inspector checking lesson plans, looking at student's work, observing lessons or childcare sessions, inspecting facilities and equipment to make sure they are all up to standard.

## Jobs with higher education qualifications:

- + Teacher
- + Lecturer
- + Nursery School Teacher
- + Educational Psychologist

## Jobs with further education qualifications:

- + Teaching Assistant
- + Playworker
- + Nursery Nurse

To find out more about these and other careers in early years and education visit these websites:

[www.tda.gov.uk](http://www.tda.gov.uk)

[www.skillsactive.com/playwork](http://www.skillsactive.com/playwork)

[www.childcarecareers.gov.uk](http://www.childcarecareers.gov.uk)

[www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u](http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u)



# Will a career in early years and education suit you?



## It will help if you:

- + like children and have a real interest in their welfare and needs
- + have imagination and lots of energy

- + are able to motivate others and keep their attention and interest



## Make sure you think about these practical things too

- + To become a teacher you will need a degree as well as Qualified Teacher Status. You can choose to study a higher education course combined with QTS like a Bachelor of Education or you could do your degree first and then do a Postgraduate Certificate of Education which is a further year of study.
- + Child Protection is a very important part of the early years and education sectors. You will need to have a criminal record check and be familiar with child protection laws before you can work with children. Their safety will be your main priority.

## Remember, when you are thinking about your career and your future, higher education qualifications give you more options

There are many benefits to having a higher education qualification including:

- + The chance to find a job you really love.
- + The skills you need to get promoted and progress in your chosen career.
- + The opportunity to earn more money.
- + More choice, now and in the future. You may be happy to do one job when you are young but it may not suit you when you get older. HE qualifications can save you from getting stuck in a rut.

Find out more about the benefits of HE at [www.gr8choice.org](http://www.gr8choice.org) and [www.learnandwork.org](http://www.learnandwork.org)

# What is happening in the early years and education sectors?

- ✦ Education is one of the largest employment sectors in Devon and Cornwall.
- ✦ Newly qualified teachers start on a minimum annual salary of £20,627.
- ✦ 'Golden Hellos' are a one-off payment for newly qualified teachers who go on to teach subjects where there are currently shortages. Newly qualified teachers of maths and science currently receive a Golden Hello of £5,000. Newly qualified teachers of ICT, Design and Technology, Modern Languages, Music and Religious Education currently receive a Golden Hello of £2,500. Find out more at [www.tda.gov.uk/goldenhellos](http://www.tda.gov.uk/goldenhellos)

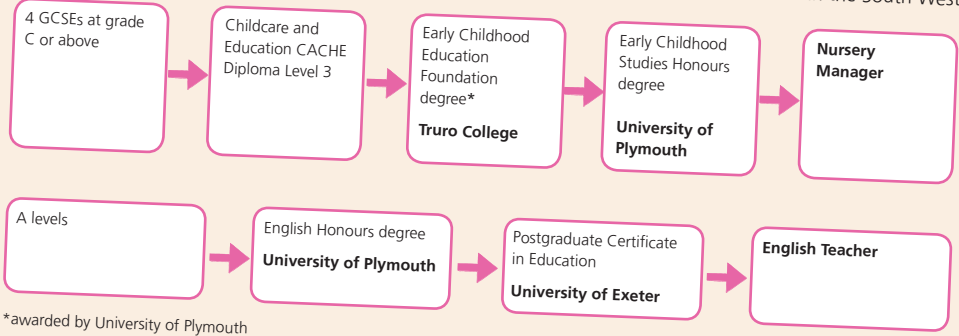
- ✦ Ninety-five percent of people working in playwork are female.
- ✦ Three in ten playwork employers have identified a skills gap in their workforce.

Due to the economic climate, this type of information is always changing. Find out the latest at:  
[www.focusoncareers.org.uk](http://www.focusoncareers.org.uk)  
[www.tda.gov.uk](http://www.tda.gov.uk)



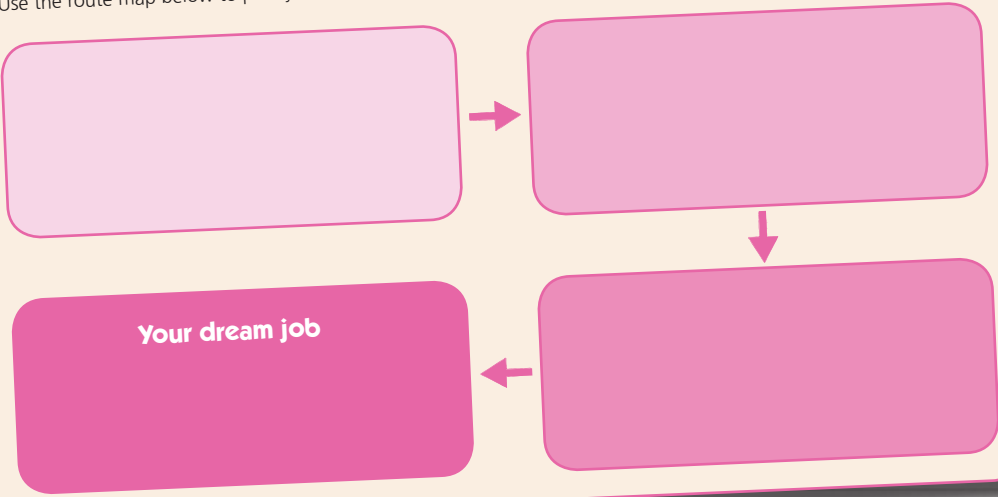
# Your pathway in early years and education

Here are some examples of pathways you could take to a career in early years and education in the South West.



## Your pathway

Use the route map below to plan your own pathway in early years or education.



# More information

No matter what stage you are at there are plenty of local early years and education courses to choose from. Here are some of the local universities and colleges that offer higher education courses. Contact them directly to find out more.

## **Bicton College**

[www.bicton.ac.uk](http://www.bicton.ac.uk)  
[enquiries@bicton.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@bicton.ac.uk)  
01395 562400

## **Bridgwater College**

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01278 441234

## **City College Plymouth**

[www.cityplym.ac.uk](http://www.cityplym.ac.uk)  
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01752 305300

## **Cornwall College**

[www.cornwall.ac.uk](http://www.cornwall.ac.uk)  
[uni@cornwall.ac.uk](mailto:uni@cornwall.ac.uk)  
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## **Exeter College**

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[info4u@exe-coll.ac.uk](mailto:info4u@exe-coll.ac.uk)  
0845 111 6000

## **North Devon College**

[www.ndevon.ac.uk](http://www.ndevon.ac.uk)  
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01271 345291

## **The Open University**

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0845 300 6090

## **Somerset College of Arts and Technology**

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01823 366331

## **South Devon College**

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Freephone 08000 380123

## **Truro and Penwith College**

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01872 267122

## **UCP Marjon (University College Plymouth St Mark & St John)**

[www.marjon.ac.uk](http://www.marjon.ac.uk)  
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01752 636 700

## **University Centre Yeovil**

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## **University of Plymouth**

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## **More local further education courses**

Local schools, colleges and private training providers also offer further education courses in early years and education. To search for more courses visit [www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus](http://www.direct.gov.uk/14-19prospectus)

## **More higher education courses**

To see the early years and education, higher education courses available across the UK visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

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