

# Award in An Introduction to Neuroscience in Early Years

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**Campus:** Distance Learning

**Code:** OACDL037\*

**Level:** 2

### About This Course

This course has relevance to anyone with an interest in child development and the factors that affect children's behaviour, emotional well-being and ability to learn. It is particularly relevant to early years practitioners, teachers and teaching assistants,

childminders and those who work in children's services. It should also be a valuable aid to parents and other primary carers. As well as explaining the theory behind the science, this course will provide learners with practical advice in terms of how to promote healthy brain development in the critical first seven years of life, and how they can support children to develop those vital self-regulation skills.

### What Will I Study?

Candidates will cover a range of topics including:

- How the brain develops (both during pregnancy and during the child's first seven years)
- The importance of positive early experiences, secure attachments, and nurturing environments
- How stress and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can affect brain development and subsequent behaviour
- Understanding self-regulation and how adults can nurture this in young children through co-regulation
- The meaning and importance of 'emotion coaching' and how this can improve practice in early years settings

### Why Study Here?

- Learn from industry-experienced and well-qualified Tutors who have spent many years in the Childcare Care sector and have specialist qualifications and knowledge to bring to their teaching
- Learn from your own home, in your own time
- Achieve a nationally recognised Level 2 qualification
- Access to award winning learning and assessment materials
- Access to a Learner Support Advisor for everyday queries

## Entry Requirements

To be eligible to undertake our free distance learning courses you must meet the below criteria:

- Living in the UK and aged 19+
- If you are aged 19-23 you must hold a full Level 2 qualification and not currently enrolled on an apprenticeship
- Aged 24 or above – free to everyone

Individuals who reside in the following devolved local enterprise partnerships (LEP) cannot be funded through us and will need to contact their local provider:

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
- Cornwall Combined Authority
- West of England Combined Authority
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- North of Tyne Combined Authority
- Tees Valley Combined Authority
- West Midlands Combined Authority
- Greater London Combined Authority

You will also need to provide a personal statement (minimum of 100 words).

## What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

- Other courses in Childcare

## Additional Information

This course is free of charge if you meet the criteria for funding. To be eligible for funding you must be aged 19 or over, have been living in the United Kingdom for the last three years and have not previously completed the course you are wanting to enrol on. Email: [dl@rnnttraining.co.uk](mailto:dl@rnnttraining.co.uk)

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