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# Masters in Childhood and Youth



INSPIRING LEARNING



Do you work with children and young people, already have a degree, or three years professional experience, and want to progress professionally and academically? Then our integrated interdisciplinary MA in Childhood and Youth (F55) is for you.

## Why Study the MA in Childhood and Youth with the Open University?

- We offer qualifications across the full age range of childhood and youth.
- We offer both a postgraduate certificate and a masters degree.
- You can study whilst working.
- You'll have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences online with students from around the UK and beyond.
- You will be supported in your learning by a personal tutor who will work with you as you develop your skills and knowledge.

## Who is it for?

Anyone who has experience of working with children and young people and/or an interest in the field, for example...

- Nurses
- Teachers
- Health and social care workers
- Children's Centre workers
- Youth workers
- NGO professionals
- Volunteers
- Policy makers
- Anyone who wants to enhance their understanding of contemporary childhood and youth

## Entrance Requirements

You will normally need to have successfully completed an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in any discipline relevant to children and young people. Applicants without this qualification, but who have professional experience of at least three years, will also be considered.



## What does the Masters in Childhood and Youth include?

- Two compulsory 60 credit modules that can be studied in any order.
- A further 60 credits from a list of elective modules.

For a full description of the compulsory and elective modules please see [www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate-childhood](http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate-childhood)

## Compulsory Modules

*E807: Children and Young People's Worlds: Frameworks for Integrated Practice*

**This module provides:**

- An account of children and young people's experiences in the contemporary world, both nationally and internationally.
- A critical analysis of the theoretical frameworks from which integrated practice issues are drawn.
- The opportunity to carry out an original, independent research project or an extended literature review.

*K802 Critical Practice with Children and Young People*

**This module provides:**

- An in-depth understanding of the ideas that influence policy and practice with children and young people.
- Analyses of recent changes in the organisation of services, and their impact on service users and workers.
- Reflection on what it means to be a critical, reflective professional.



**Sandra Downes, F55 student**

Students on F55 are practitioners, parents and those simply interested in the lives of children and young people in today's world. Sandra Downes is now studying for the *MA in Childhood and Youth (F55)* after a 20-year career in social work. She says:

“ Studying with the OU has not only improved my educational qualifications, it has also increased my confidence and feeling of self worth within the work environment.

Taking this module [E807] has given me independent researching skills and the confidence to evaluate research papers written by authors with a variety of opinions, which means that I am able to keep in touch with current research and provide feedback to colleagues. While studying E807 I learned a lot about children's rights, which has been useful in my current work as a social worker in children's services. Colleagues are now interested in utilising my knowledge and skills and my recent studies have revitalised my own interest and commitment to the field of social care to the extent that I intend to eventually teach in this subject area.”



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