



Nescot is pleased to work with the University of West London, in delivering the Foundation Degree in Healthcare Play Specialism. The course is designed for individuals wishing to study for a career as a registered Health Play Specialist.

This degree supports the development of professional competencies in the field of therapeutic play for children and young people in hospital and community healthcare settings. Successful completion of the programme leads to registration with the Healthcare Play Specialist Education Trust (HPSET)

**Attendance:** This is a two-year course. It runs one day a week at Nescot. If you are not employed in the sector, then you are required to undertake a 200-hour hospital placement in year one and year two of the course. It is an expectation that work placements have been arranged prior to enrolment on the programme

**Entry criteria:**

GCSE Maths and English at grade C or above, or equivalent Level 2 in Literacy and Numeracy

Minimum of a relevant Level 3 qualification in Childcare or a related field

Minimum of two years' post qualification employment, working with children

Good communication skills

Evidence of continuous professional development

Evidence of current, regular and relevant employment in the sector

Identification of a registered Play Specialist to act as work-based mentor

Commitment to negotiate and complete a 200-hour placement each year, if not already employed in a hospital

**Assessment:** Assessment is through a combination of academic essays, literature reviews, written reports, folder of evidence and exercises through the College's Virtual Learning Environment. Assessment of practical skills is undertaken in the workplace throughout both Level 4 and Level 5 of the course. Students are required to attend all modules to be eligible to progress and pass the module.

**Module titles at Level 4 (Year 1):** Using Evidence in Health & Social Care; SEARCH for Health; Child Development; Children and Young People: Policy & Practice; Play & Recreation; Reflective Skills & Practice Assessment

**Module titles at Level 5 (Year 2):** Children and Young People: Leadership & Management; Health in Children & Young People; The Child, Family & Society; Enhancing Resilience in Children & Young People; Investigating Resources & Practice Assessment

**Course fees: £5,000 per year + £100 indexation fee to HPSET**

If you would like to learn more about this course, please contact Norma Jun-Tai [njuntai@nescot.ac.uk](mailto:njuntai@nescot.ac.uk) . If you have questions about student finance, please contact [studentfinance@nescot.ac.uk](mailto:studentfinance@nescot.ac.uk).

If you meet the criteria above and would like to apply for this course, then please apply on line.

<http://www.nescot.ac.uk/higher-education/early-years/courses/healthcare-play-specialism-foundation-degree-n4655/>

**Getting to Nescot:** Reigate Rd, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 3DS, United Kingdom

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