BA Childhood Practice (BACP)  
Undergraduate Degree

This programme has been validated by the Scottish Social Services Council and provides a Level 9 qualification which meets the requirements for registration for managers and lead practitioners in Childcare and Education settings. The BACP is an undergraduate degree which is designed to meet the continuing professional development needs of a range of individuals involved in working with children.

It has been designed to promote and encourage the use of workplace based activities as the basis for academic study. Due to its flexibility, it provides a route to degree level studies for participants from non-traditional backgrounds. It is a part-time degree studied on a distance learning basis.

Who is the programme designed for?

The target group for this qualification comprises practitioners in a variety of settings who work with children between the ages of 0 - 16, in for example:

- Local authority nursery classes  
- Full day care  
- Out of school care
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**Aims of the Programme**

- Provides practitioners with learning opportunities, resources and structured practical experience that, together with experimentation and reflection on workplace settings, will enhance professional awareness and personal effectiveness and provide them with a recognised qualification
- Based on course elements detailed in the benchmark statements provided by QAA Education Studies, SCQF and the Standard for Childhood Practice
- Combines an increased understanding of theory with critical reflection on practice and aims to develop the research skills of practitioners for ongoing professional development

**What will the Programme be about?**

At each level the programme is structured into a study of four key areas relevant to all educational settings:

- The Child in the Sociocultural Context
- Child Development & Learning
- The Developing Professional
- Personal Research & Enquiry

**What are the requirements for entry?**

Prospective BACP students will be required to evidence characteristics consistent with the following:

- HNC Early Education and Childcare
- Employed in a relevant educational setting for a minimum of 12.5 hours per week, for a minimum of two years
- Have the ability to engage in on-line learning and have effective word processing, email and web search skills

**How will the Programme be delivered?**

The programme is studied by distance learning with materials available on-line. This will be supported by work-based practice on the part of the student.
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How will the Programme be delivered? (Cont.)

- Students have access to a personal tutor with whom they can maintain contact by email, telephone or by an arranged visit to the university
- Students are actively encouraged to work collaboratively in small cohorts with other students studying the same unit
- Network sessions

How long will this take?

Part-time students can study 60 credit points in each academic year. There are 120 credit points at each level and so each level (equivalent to a year of study on a full-time course) will take a minimum of two years. To complete all three levels would take a minimum of six years. The majority of students gain credit for prior learning and enter at Level 8.

Cost  (correct at time of publishing)

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Programme Start Dates

The programme has two start dates throughout the year in September or January. Applications must be processed and students registered by the preceding month.

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