

## UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON FROEBEL CERTIFICATES

The University of Roehampton offers two courses designed to introduce you to the pedagogy of German pioneer Friedrich Froebel (1782-1852).

- **Froebel Professional Practice Certificate (level 4) in Early Childhood**
- **Froebel Professional Development Certificate (level 6) in Early Childhood**

The courses are provided in partnership with the Froebel Trust which is subsidising the course fee by 50%

What is the course about?

The course looks at key principles underpinning a Froebelian approach today and what these might look like in practice. It aims to help you reflect on your own practice and to develop and justify an informed approach to pedagogy in the early years.

Who is the course for?

The course is aimed at all those working with young children from birth to six who wish to deepen their understanding of a Froebelian approach and to use this to reflect on and develop their practice. The course is offered at two levels to meet the needs of participants with a range of backgrounds and experience.

**Level 4** is open to all those with relevant experience (two years or equivalent) of work with young children in any setting. If you are interested in the course but do not have experience in an early years setting please contact us to discuss which level would be best for you.

**Level 6** is open to all those with relevant experience (two years or equivalent) of work with young children in any setting and prior study, normally at level 5 or above. It also offers progression to level 7 (Masters level) for those wishing to take their studies further

How is the course taught?

The course includes:

- 4 full day sessions (Saturdays) at Froebel College, University of Roehampton, including one for the assessed presentations
- 3 twilight sessions at Froebel College, University of Roehampton for induction and tutorials
- 3 twilight visits to innovative early years settings in London which illustrate or exemplify Froebelian ideas in practice
- An optional Saturday visit to Annan, The Froebel School, East Sussex

Attendance at the 4 full day sessions is a requirement. For students living at a distance from London tutorials can be arranged via Skype or tele-conferencing and it is possible that visits to local settings can be organised

What does the course include?

Particular strands focus on:

- Froebel's life, ideas and their influence on contemporary policy and practice

- Environments for learning including indoors, outdoors and Forest Schools
- Play and its role in children's lives and learning
- Extending young children's critical and creative thinking
- Froebel's 'gifts' and blockplay today
- Movement, song, rhythm and rhyme
- Imagination and creativity and their place in young children's learning
- Partnership with parents and the wider community

How is the course assessed?

Throughout the course you will keep a diary reflecting on the course content and course reading in relation to your own ideas and practice. You will also work on a project to develop an aspect of your own practice in relation to course themes which will be shared with others in a presentation at the end of the course.

When does the course run?

The next course starts at the end of September 2016 and finishes in July 2017 when final course work is submitted.

Tutors on the course will include Dr Jane Read and Dr Sally Howe, both tutors in Early Childhood Studies in the School of Education at the University of Roehampton. There will also be sessions led by guest speakers offering areas of specialism as well as practitioners offering innovative aspects of practice.

What is the cost?

£457.50, including 50% subsidy from The Froebel Trust.

What do our graduates say?

- I really enjoyed the course and found it relevant and thoroughly well-structured and organized.
- The course was very beneficial to my current practice and development.
- I really enjoyed the Saturday sessions they allowed enough time to get to know the tutors and the other students.
- These days together at Roehampton are so very valuable. All very thought provoking and enlightening.
- Even after having completed an MA in ECS I still found that I learnt, understood, reflected, questioned and experienced a lot during this course.
- The course was really beneficial to me! In a job interview that I went to recently I used the course as one of my selling points and the interviewer said that they know Roehampton University and they appreciate it.
- Timings of sessions were perfect for me. Visits were stimulating and useful.

- Thank you. My confidence and inspiration as a practitioner has grown.

Further queries?

If you have further queries about the course contact Dr Sally Howe/Dr Jane Read:

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How do I apply?

Download an application form.

Completed application forms should be sent to the Programme Administrator - email: [cpdeducation@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:cpdeducation@roehampton.ac.uk) or posted to:

**Departmental Administrator (CPDP & Enterprise)**

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