

Module specification

1. Factual information			
Module title	NC4202: Practice in the Early Years 1: The Setting		
Module tutor	Pollyanna Whitehead	Level	4
Module type	Taught; Practical; Graduate Practitioner Competencies	Credit value	30
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face teaching: 4.95% Work based learning: 95.05%		
Notional learning hours	388 notional hours: Module contact hours include lectures and scheduled drop-in sessions, and may include individual and group tutorials, optional support sessions, workshops and value-added curriculum activities such as external speakers and trips. Placement: <u>Trimester 1:</u> Placement 1.1 – 4 weeks/128 hours in a nursery/school setting (including visit from placement officer) <u>Trimester 2:</u> Placement 1.2 – 4 weeks/128 hours in a nursery/school/family (including visit from placement officer) <u>Trimester 3:</u> Placement 1.3 – 4 weeks/112 hours in a nursery/school/family		

2. Rationale for the module and its links with other modules
Those studying the early years need opportunities to demonstrate skills that are underpinned by knowledge. By experiencing work-based placements in a setting such as a nursery or school, students can reflect on their abilities as professionals alongside demonstrating the Graduate Practitioner Competencies that they will evidence in preparation for a professional discussion. This module provides foundational knowledge and must be passed before embarking on NC5202: Practice in the Early Years 2: The Home.

3. Aims of the module

This module aims to develop students' foundational knowledge of legislation, regulation and safe working practices, so that they can go on to demonstrate this knowledge in placement. The module focuses on students' experiences in placement, building observation, assessment and planning skills to support the learning and development of children. This is an opportunity to apply professional communication skills with peers, placement staff, children, parents and carers in different contexts, and students will identify and explain their strengths and areas for development in future practice.

4. Pre-requisite modules or specified entry requirements

Students must have passed the safeguarding multiple choice test before attending setting placement.
Students must have passed their First Aid training before attending family placement.

5. Is the module compensatable?

No.

6. Learning, teaching and assessment strategy for the module

Work-based learning.
Lectures.
Formative assessment (Observation in practice).

7. Intended learning outcomes *At the end of the module, learners will be expected to:*

1. Reflect on the role of the practitioner in supporting a child's learning and development and supporting individual needs and abilities.
2. Apply early years legislation, regulation and guidance to monitor and progress a child's learning and development.
3. Demonstrate the ability to work safely and effectively in a variety of early years contexts.
4. Identify and explain personal strengths and areas for development in practice.
5. Apply professional communication skills in a variety of professional contexts.

Graduate Practitioner competencies: All

A: Knowledge and understanding	B: Cognitive skills	C: Practical and professional skills	D: Key transferable skills
A1; A2; A3	B1	C1	D1; D2

8. Indicative content *This should provide an overview of content over the number of weeks of module delivery*

- Module introduction: Introduce Graduate Practitioner Competency Portfolios and Placement paperwork.
- The role of the practitioner: The EYFS and Supporting Documentation.
- The role of the practitioner: The role of the practitioner: Keeping children safe whilst support their learning and development.
- The role of the practitioner: Communication is key.
- Developing self: Reflections on practice.
- Building GPC evidence
- Preparing for the viva assessment.

This module provides opportunities for you to evidence the [Early Childhood Graduate Practitioner Competencies](#).

9. Assessment

Assessment rationale

This module is focused on placement experience and the skills that are required to be successful in fulfilling the role of early years practitioner in a setting. Students will be assessed in placements, all of which must be passed. Students will be assessed on their practical skills and knowledge and this will include formative professional observation from assessors. Summative assessment will include evidence in all 9 areas of the Graduate Practitioner Competency Portfolio, which will provide the foundation for the professional discussion in Trimester 3. Students will receive formative feedback on their portfolios throughout the year.

Assessment task/s	Weighting	Week submitted	Grading (Pass/Fail or %)	Module Learning Outcome(s) that the assessment task maps to
001: Successful completion of: Placement 1.1: 4 weeks/128 hours with - evidence of progress towards the learning outcomes and Graduate Practitioner Competencies (GPCS) 1-9 for modules NC4202-30, as documented on the Placement Visit Form and end of placement Appraisal Form, which are uploaded to the GPC OneDrive folder by the published deadlines; - achievement of the required minimum of 100% attendance, with an allowance of up to 4 days self-certification for cases of sickness. 002: Successful completion of:		T1	Pass/Fail	All Competencies

9. Assessment				
Placement 1.2: 4 weeks/128 hours with - evidence of progress towards the learning outcomes and Graduate Practitioner Competencies (GPCS) 1-9 for modules NC4202-30, as documented on the Placement Visit Form and end of placement Appraisal Form, which are uploaded to the GPC OneDrive folder by the published deadlines; - achievement of the required minimum of 100% attendance, with an allowance of up to 4 days self-certification for cases of sickness. 003: Successful completion of: Placement 1.3: 4 weeks/112 hours with - evidence of progress towards the learning outcomes and Graduate Practitioner Competencies (GPCS) 1-9 for modules NC4202-30, as documented on the Placement Visit Form and end of placement Appraisal Form, which are uploaded to the GPC OneDrive folder by the published deadlines;		T2	Pass/Fail	
		T3	Pass/Fail	

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- achievement of the required minimum of 100% attendance, with an allowance of up to 4 days self-certification for cases of sickness. 004: Viva: Professional discussion and reflection 15 minutes - Graduate Practitioner Competency Portfolio with evidence included for each competency area 1-9	100%	T3	%	
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10. Teaching staff associated with the module

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11. Core reading list

Author	Year	Title	Location	Publisher
Bradbury, A., Musgrave, J. and Perkins, H.	2023	<i>A Practical Guide to Early Childhood Studies Graduate Practitioner Competencies</i>	London	Sage
Department for Education	2025	<i>Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage</i>	DfE	Crown Publications

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Author	Year	Title	Location	Publisher
Nanwani, S.	2021	<i>Organization and Education Development: Reflecting and Transforming in a Self-Discovery Journey</i>	London	Routledge
Grenier, J. and Vollans, C.	2023	<i>Putting the EYFS Curriculum into Practice</i>	London	Sage
Hayes, C. (Ed.)	2023	<i>The Early Years Handbook for Students and Practitioners</i>	London	Routledge

12. Other indicative text (e.g., websites)

Department for Education (2021). Development Matters: Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage. Available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1007446/6.7534_DfE_Development_Matters_Report_and_illustrations_web_2_.pdf [Accessed 13/04/23]

Department for Education (2018). Working Together to Safeguard Children. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2> [Accessed 13/04/23]

Early Years Coalition (2021). Birth to 5 Matters: Non-statutory guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Available at: <https://birthto5matters.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Birthto5Matters-download.pdf> [Accessed 13/04/23]

Norland (2017). Norland Code of Professional Responsibilities. Available at: <https://www.norland.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NORLAND-CODE-OF-PROFESSIONAL-RESPONSIBILITIES.pdf>

Rose, J. & Rogers, S. (2012). *The Role of the Adult in Early Years Settings*, Open UP: Milton Keynes.

Silberfeld. C. (Ed.) (2023). *The Early Childhood Graduate Practitioner Competencies: A Guide for Professional Practice*. London: Sage Publications Ltd

Vujnovic, S., Medic, B. and Vujnovic, M.L. (2022). Critical Thinking Skills for the 21st Century, *International Journal of Early Childhood Special Education*, 14(3), pp. 102–106

13. List of amendments since last (re)validation		
Area amended	Details	Date Central Quality informed
Section 1	Mode of delivery percentage Split of Notional learning hours in line with changes to 1.3 and 1.4 placement	19/06/2024
Section 4	Prerequisite clarification Confirmation of passing safeguarding assessment prior to commencing placements	19/06/2024
Section 8	Adjustment to when content is delivered Updated to reflect new placement schedule	19/06/2024
Section 9	Adjustments to 1.3 and 1.4 placements Updated to reflect new placement schedule	19/06/2024
Section 10	Added Jo Brimble to teaching staff	20/03/2025
Section 5	Clarified the module is not eligible for compensation	24/07/2025
Section 1 & 10	Module leader updated to Pollyanna Whitehead	03/07/2026
Section 9	Made explicit that evidence of progression towards GPCs is a requirement to pass each placement & assessment 004. Additionally removed written submission from 004 as reflection & analysis are now assessed within the GPC evidence.	03/07/2026



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