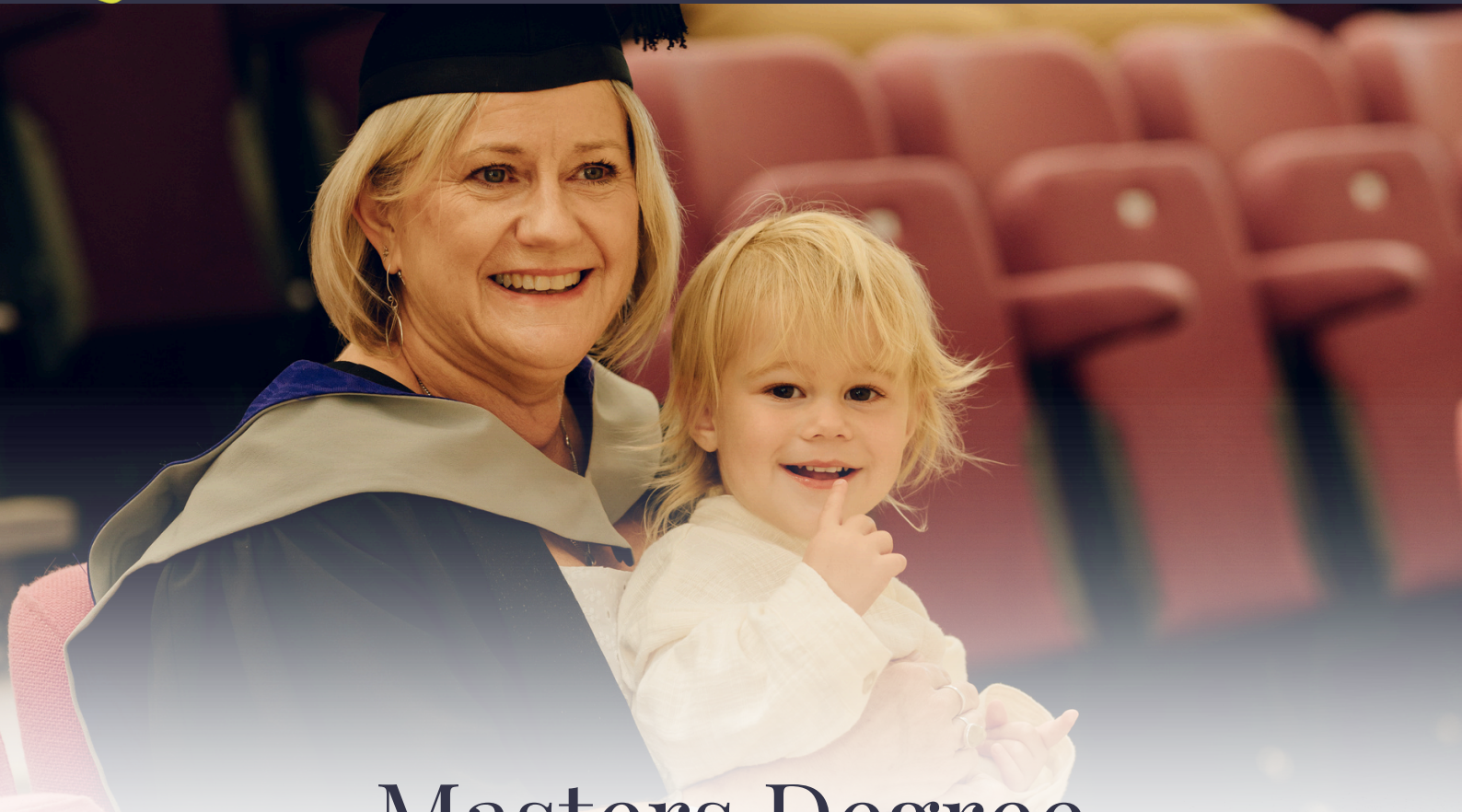




# Masters Degree Early Childhood & Education

(Integrated Working with Families and Children)

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**Advance your practice. Deepen your research voice.  
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Join early childhood and education professionals from across the world on a postgraduate course designed for experienced practitioners. Study while you work through Pen Green's distinctive study block model, combining critical enquiry, research, and leadership development

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## Why choose this course?

- Designed for experienced practitioners, leaders, and managers
- Strong emphasis on research, reflective practice, and enquiry
- Focus on integrated working with families and children
- Flexible structure to support full-time working professionals
- Study face-to-face or online through structured study blocks
- Accredited by the University of Hertfordshire

## Course structure

The Masters Degree in Early Childhood & Education is a flexible, part-time postgraduate programme completed over 2 years and 9 months. It is designed to enable experienced practitioners to study while continuing to work, combining academic rigour with practice-based enquiry.

Learning is organised through a series of intensive study blocks, supported by independent study and ongoing tutor guidance.

## Who is it for?

This programme is designed for professionals working across early childhood education, health, and family services, including:

- Early years practitioners and leaders
- Teachers, FE and HE lecturers
- Managers and inspectors
- Professionals working in integrated early childhood services

## What you'll study

Core Modules:

- Development and Learning in the Early Years
- Working with Families
- Practitioner Research
- Leading in Integrated Teams
- Dissertation (60 credits)

## Course Details

**Level:** Postgraduate

**Start date:** October 2026

**Location:** Pen Green  
Online

**Fees (2026):** £10,330

**Funding:** Eligible students may apply for a postgraduate loan of up to £12,471 (subject to eligibility criteria).

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## Learning approach

- Blended learning: home study combined with taught sessions
- Regular contact with tutors via video call, email, and telephone
- Strong emphasis on research-informed practice, reflective enquiry, and leadership in integrated services
- Assignments are designed to connect directly with professional practice

This structure supports practitioners to develop advanced research skills, deepen professional understanding, and lead practice across early childhood and family services, while balancing work and personal commitments.

## Study blocks

- 5 study blocks across the duration of the course
- 22 taught days in total
- Delivered face-to-face at Pen Green or live online
- Enables focused periods of learning alongside professional commitments

## Entry requirements

- Relevant honours degree or equivalent professional experience
- Open access route available for highly experienced practitioners
- Evidence of academic writing may be required
- Applicants must be working in (or able to evidence experience within) early childhood or integrated services

## How to apply

Applications should be made directly to Pen Green.

Scan the QR code below to go directly to our website for an application form



Or contact us with any enquiries

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