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Institute of Education

BA (Hons) Special Needs and Childhood and Family Studies

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About this guide
This Course Guide has been designed to help you plan your course. You are encouraged to read this Guide through now. It will be a considerable advantage to you to be familiar from the outset with the various aspects of your studies that are described. It may be that the relevance of some of the sections will not be immediately obvious. Keep it somewhere accessible, so that you can refer to it as needed.

Obviously even in a document like this we have not covered every query and problem that you might have about the course. The Course Guide should be read in conjunction with the Undergraduate Student Guide / Postgraduate Student Guide; the Student Charter; the University’s Policies and Regulations and the University Assessment Handbook documents should provide you with all the basic information that we think you will need for your period of study here.

If you find that there is something you need to know, please contact your Academic Faculty Office or local Student Centre on the details included below.

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Please note that in order to develop and improve the Course, it may be necessary on occasions to amend or revise the details given in this Course Guide. We are pleased to hear your views and welcome suggestions for ways of improving the operation of the Course.
Welcome
On behalf of the Course Management Team I should like to extend to you a very warm welcome and wish you every success in your studies at the University of Wolverhampton.

The University experience and academic success is all about the effort you put into learning and making the most of the wide range of opportunities available to you. We welcome students who are eager to think for themselves, to take control of their own learning and who are ready to get involved in developing the skills required in a highly competitive job market.

You will need to demonstrate good time management skills, independent learning, flexibility and discipline in order to achieve a study-work-life balance. We believe it is important that you are encouraged to make your own contribution to the effective operation and development of your chosen course. We are, therefore, keen to hear your views and would welcome any suggestions that you may have about ways of improving any aspect of your course and/or the student experience here at the University.

Sarah Mander, Course Leader, Special Needs and Childhood and Family Studies (S.Mander2@wlv.ac.uk)

Course Management and Staff Involved with the Course

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# Student Support in FEHW

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<td>Support for your academic development and progression Personal (pastoral) guidance A consistent point of contact throughout your studies. Three meetings per year.</td>
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*** Visit the [Student Support homepage](http://FEHWSupport@wlv.ac.uk) for more information ***

*** Also visit the Students Union [Advice and Support Centre](http://FEHWSams.wlv.ac.uk/) for impartial guidance **
### Course Structure for Undergraduate courses

Students will study:

**Full-time:** normally modules worth 120 credits each academic year  
**Part-time:** normally modules worth no more than 80 credits each academic year.

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<td>C Youth, Culture and Identity (5CF010) (20 credits)</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Education Research Project (6ED006) (40 credits)</td>
<td>C Critical and Social Issues. Facial Disfigurement: Impairment or Disability? (6SN006) (20 credits)</td>
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About the Course
This Guide outlines the modules which are available, teaching and learning activities and assessment tasks. If there is anything you need to discuss further, please contact Sarah Mander, Course Leader for Special Needs and Childhood and Family Studies.

The educational aims of the course are: The Special Needs and Childhood and Family Studies degree will develop your skills and knowledge required for a range of careers working with children, their families and the services that support them, in both education and social contexts. You will also be able to identify and understand the challenges faced when trying to adopt an inclusive approach to all aspects of life, and how you can meet and address these challenges in a positive way as members of a diverse global society.

The course is suitable for people new to this area or experienced staff searching for career development.

Work experience placements are an integral part of the course and can be negotiated in a variety of settings such as schools, nurseries, community care centres, hospitals, social services, libraries and other relevant settings.

Teaching and learning is designed to support your digital literacy and you are encouraged to share knowledge and be enterprising with your ideas. An international perspective is taken to the degree and you will also have the opportunity to learn about how other countries support children and their families and develop inclusive practice.

The course learning outcomes are: At the end of this course you, the student, will be able:

1. To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the importance and challenges of working in order to meet the needs of children, young people and families.

2. To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the expected pattern of children’s development from birth and pedagogical approaches for working with children, young people and families.

3. To be aware of the underlying values and principles relevant to the ideologies of inclusion, and develop a personal stance which draws on your knowledge and understanding, including the diversity of learners and the complexities of the inclusion process.

4. To be able to evaluate the societal and organisational structures and purposes of social systems, and the possible implications for all involved.

5. To be aware of, analyse and make critical judgements about key concepts, theories and principles and be able to communicate these clearly using appropriate media and digital technologies.

6. To be able to reflect on your own value system and identify future learning and professional goals.
These will be achieved through the following learning activities:
Learning will be face to face and on-line and will consist of the following:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Debates
- Small and large group work
- Discussion forums and wikis
- Student presentations
- Work based learning through placements (to support employability skills)
- Research activities
- Independent and guided study
- Collaborative on-line tasks and activities
- Individual on-line tasks and activities
- Video and image analysis
- Case studies
- Role play

The on-line activities and electronic presentations will prepare you to support your digital literacy.

The group tasks and seminars will support students’ enterprising ideas.

The international perspectives to topics taken in lectures and learning tasks will support your global citizenship.

The course is accredited, endorsed or approved (depending on the professional body requirements) N/A

Contact Hours
At University, the term ‘contact hours’ is used very broadly to refer to the amount of time that you spend learning in contact with teaching or associated staff, when studying for a particular course. This time provides you with support in developing your subject knowledge and skills, and provides opportunities to develop and reflect on your own, independent learning.

Contact time on this course will be based on your interaction with staff in some or all of the following situations: lectures, seminars, tutorials, demonstrations, practical classes and workshops, project supervisions, fieldwork, external visits, one-to-one sessions and discussions, interaction by email and other electronic or virtual media and situations where feedback is given on assessed work.

During your study this interaction takes place with academic (teaching and research) staff, teaching assistants, technical and specialist support staff, employers and others.

Alongside contact time, private and independent study is therefore very significant. This is the time that you spend learning without direct supervision from, or contact with, a member of staff. Your independent study time will include background reading, preparation for
seminars or tutorials, follow-up work, wider practice, the completion of assignments, revision and others.

**University Academic Calendar**

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**Timetables**

Timetabling information is available to you through the following:

1) Using the teaching timetable where you can search for and view all modules online at [www.wlv.ac.uk/timetable](http://www.wlv.ac.uk/timetable).

2) Once you have completed your module registration, a more personalised timetable showing only those modules which you are studying will be available for you to view through your e:Vision page.

3) For more general information about timetabling and teaching rooms use the Central Timetabling Unit webpages at [www.wlv.ac.uk/ctu](http://www.wlv.ac.uk/ctu).

**Student Voice**

The Student Voice is a partnership between the University and the Students’ Union, put in place to make sure students opinions/feedback are heard at every level of university governance, from course level to the University’s governing body.

The main positions within the Student Voice are Course Reps, who are volunteer students on every course. They have meetings with lecturers on a regular basis, highlighting both positive and negative feedback to Heads of Department or lecturers within their course. Faculty Reps are elected during the Spring Elections and have meetings with Senior Management within their Faculty. They are an essential link between Course Reps, the Students’ Union and management within each Faculty. To find your Faculty Rep: [Faculty Representatives](#).

If you ever wanted to get involved with the student voice, or need more information please contact the Engagement Team in the Students’ Union – [Student Voice](#).

For independent advice and guidance on all matters related to being a student eg. academic, finance, and housing issues, contact the Students’ Union’s Advice and Support Centre by telephone or e-mail [Advice and Support](#).

**Responding to Student Feedback “You said/We did”**

More interactive group work has been introduced to facilitate students getting to know each other during class sessions and detailed feedback offered on formative (ongoing) assessment to help prepare students for the summative task (end of module assessment). Welcome Week activities have also been improved to encourage a sense of group belonging.
Student Charter
The University’s Student Charter has been developed primarily by the Students’ Union and informed by student views. The Charter is not a contract, nor is it intended to be legally binding; it is a set of shared expectations which establishes the values and standards we are seeking to promote across all of our learning community. The Charter seeks to apply to all students on all courses and reflect our normal expectations of your experience at University. On occasions different types of study and interactions will mean necessary variations from time to time. However, what is important to us is that, whatever you are studying, your experience is a great one.

Engagement
The University recognises that you have made a significant investment in both time and money in choosing to study for a degree. The University is committed to helping you fulfil your potential. Your engagement with the study materials, and participation in the sessions, activities and assessment tasks are very important in ensuring that you are able to do so.

Your engagement will help you to:

- Understand the subject area you are studying;
- Acquire and develop the skills and knowledge needed to ensure success;
- Prepare for assessment tasks;
- Learn from and with your fellow students;
- Receive feedback from your tutors on your progress;
- Fully participate in sessions, forums, seminars and other activities;
- Develop your communication skills.

If you are unable to participate in any of the activities or sessions please let your tutor know that you are unable to do so. He/she will then be able to give you advice on what was dealt with during the session or activity, and what you need to do to catch up. Please do remember how important engagement and participation is to your success. You may be required to sign an attendance register at lectures so that we may monitor engagement. You are encouraged to engage with the University’s Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and Student Management System, further details of how to access these can be found here.

Contact time with teaching and associated staff is available to help shape and guide your studies. The term 'contact hours' refers to the amount of time that you spend learning in contact with teaching or associated staff, when studying your chosen course. The number of contact hours on a course is influenced by the subject, as well as how and where you are studying. Academic staff should make it clear how many hours contact time you should receive, and what these hours are at the beginning of the course/module.

The Wolverhampton Graduate
The experience of studying at University is about much more than just gaining knowledge and understanding of a subject(s), it is also about developing additional skills and capabilities that you can take with you into a wide range of different settings. Sometimes it can be difficult to explain to others what you have done and achieved. The following Graduate Attributes will help you think about the knowledge and skills you have gained and how these can be presented to prospective employers and/or other interested parties. This is not an exhaustive list and you will need to reflect on what you can personally demonstrate that is appropriate for different settings and contexts such as job interviews.
You will also have formed your own opinion about what going to university means to you and how you think you have developed.

While at university you will have the opportunity to:

1. acquire, generate, interrogate and apply knowledge from a wide range of sources,
2. develop research skills to enable analysis, synthesis, understanding and evaluation of data and information.
3. demonstrate self-discipline and organizational skills by meeting deadlines, and taking responsibility for your own development and learning
4. present ideas clearly in an informed and persuasive manner to a variety of audiences.
5. be innovative, creative and enterprising work collaboratively, whilst acknowledging, respecting and engaging with the views of others in a constructive and empathetic manner
6. draw on professional advice and feedback to reflect on and improve your own learning and professional practice;
7. prepare for the world of work through engagement with real life situations, briefs and problems
8. engage with new ideas and ways of working as an active member of the communities in which you study, live and work.

**External Examiners**

CAFS Modules: Alexandra Melrose, Manchester Metropolitan University
SENDIS Modules: Dr Carolyn Blackburn, Birmingham City University

External Examiners play a key role in helping the University to ensure that our standards are comparable with other institutions in the sector and are consistent over the years and that our assessment processes and regulations treat all students fairly and equitably. It is not part of their remit to communicate with individual students (it is to be noted that students are given access to External Examiner reports in their entirety via the Modules and Programmes page on e-vision in line with the HEFCE Publication 06/45 and some students may have the opportunity to meet with externals if they visit placement areas or attend for planned meetings or assessment). Students are therefore reminded that they must not make direct contact with External Examiners in respect of their assessed work or performance. Any student issues should be relayed either directly to the Module or Course Leader.

**Academic Regulations**

This course follows the University’s academic regulations. A full version of these regulations can be found on the University web page for Policies and Regulations. These regulations govern your course and will be binding on you. It is, therefore, important that you read and become familiar with them. If you have any questions regarding the regulations you should raise your query by logging an e:Vision Helpdesk call.

**Exam Regulations**

The University also have regulations that specifically cover examinations. Examination Regulations
The maximum period over which an award may be studied is detailed in the regulations appropriate to your course. Typically these are:

**Undergraduate Honours Degrees**

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Please be aware that to be eligible to continue on your course you must pass at least one module in your first year of study.

The above maximum registration periods do not include time away from study approved under **Leave of Absence** procedure (see below)

**Course Information**

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<td>have access where possible to an electronic copy of all lecturer-produced course documents e.g. module guides, assessment briefs, presentations, hand outs, and reading lists</td>
<td>You will have access to electronic copies of all lecturer-produced course documents e.g. module guides, assessment briefs, presentations, hand outs, and reading lists through the University’s online learning environment.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>formative assessment opportunities online with appropriate meaningful electronic assessment feedback</td>
<td>Students will receive electronic feedback for all on-line tasks. Formative assessments will be available electronically where possible and electronic feedback will be given.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>have opportunities to collaborate online with others in their learning cohort;</td>
<td>The course will include opportunities at every level for students to engage in collaborative on-line learning e.g. through using wikis and on-line discussion forums.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>have the opportunity to participate in electronic Personal Development Planning (ePDP);</td>
<td>Students will be supported in developing electronic Personal Development Planning (ePDP).</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>submit all appropriate assessments online;</td>
<td>Several of your assessments will be online; including blog discussions and you will be able to submit assessments online.</td>
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6. Opportunities to engage in interactive learning during all face to face sessions.

There are opportunities to further engage in interactive learning during all face to face sessions, with the use of video analysis, multi-media resources and web materials.

Assessment methods

A range of assessment types will be utilised on the degree as listed below, to include:

Essay, webfolio, reflective account of learning, written report or response to case study, critique of video, seminar presentation, conference or seminar paper, take away paper and timed written piece, role play, panel discussion or debate, self evaluation and assessment by link professional, research proposal, individual viva/interview, graphical image, peer feedback, group interview, reflective account, reflective journal, open book exam, case conference.

The assessment tasks progress in terms of the challenge they present at each level in the following ways: by demanding more critical evaluation and analysis by students; by requiring students to undertake more independent research; by increasingly complex levels of content; by the referencing of a wider range of academic resources.

Practitioners have the opportunity to use Accreditation of Prior Learning. At level four (first year) there is the opportunity to use your current workplace experience through a range of activities and validation from your workplace to achieve up to forty credits. If you do not wish to apply for APL then you have the opportunity to undertake taught level four modules.

Support for learning

Academic study skills (such as using Harvard referencing and writing for academic purposes) are embedded in some modules at level 4 and extended at levels 5 and 6.

You will receive feedback informally throughout the modules and formally through written feedback for your formative and summative assignments. This feedback will be constructive and indicate to you how to progress further in your learning.

You will be supported throughout your professional practice report by an allocated academic supervisor. In addition, you will have a personal tutor to support your progress through the course.

The learning centre provides learning support and resources. Many books and journals are also available electronically for you to access to support your learning.

Distinctive features of the course

This course involves volunteering placements at Level 5 (second year) which can be taken within a range of contexts: educational, community, specialist. There is the opportunity for a short international placement.

Volunteering is actively encouraged at level 4 (first year) and level 6 (third year), and the University provides widespread opportunities to engage in wider experience within the community.
This unique course offers both academic rigour and professional relevance. All the members of the teaching team are active researchers of Special Needs and Inclusion Studies, or Childhood and Family Studies, or research within Higher Education.

**Personal Tutor**
When you join the University you will be given a Personal Tutor. This information can be found in your e-vision homepage. Your personal tutor is someone who can offer you guidance and advice, this could be about your course, and any other aspects that affect your study. In order for personal tutoring to be a beneficial and meaningful relationship for you, you need to communicate with your personal tutor.

**Academic Misconduct**
We take pride in the academic integrity of our staff and students but when academic misconduct is suspected the University will take action. The University considers seriously all acts of academic misconduct, which by definition are dishonest and in direct opposition to the values of a learning community. If not challenged, academic misconduct will ultimately devalue our academic standards and undermines the honest efforts on the part of our staff and students.

Academic misconduct includes plagiarism, collusion and cheating and may be deliberate or unintentional. Whatever form it takes, it will be thoroughly investigated and penalties will be applied if proven.

**Support for Students**
The University and the Students’ Union believe that many incidents of academic misconduct can be avoided by increasing students’ knowledge and skill.

A variety of support mechanisms are in place to help students succeed and avoid academic misconduct:

- Visit the Learning Centre or our study skills support website at [www.wlv.ac.uk/skills](http://www.wlv.ac.uk/skills)
- Download the Students’ Union guide to Avoiding Academic Misconduct ("Write Right") - available from the [Student’s Union website](http://studentsunionwebsite.com)
- Book a Skype appointment with study skills adviser or join the online chat service ASSIST - through the Learning Centre “Skills for Learning” website.
- Contact your personal tutor or module leader.

Remember – there is help available if you need it.

**Defining Academic Misconduct**

**Cheating**
Cheating is defined as any attempt to gain unfair advantage in an assessment by dishonest means, and includes, for example, all breaches of examination room rules, impersonating another student, falsifying data, and obtaining an examination paper in advance of its authorised release. Cheating attracts the University’s most severe penalties.

Other common examples of cheating would include –

- Being in possession of “revision notes” during an examination
• The purchase or commission of assignments from others
• Theft of other students’ work
• Prohibited communication during an examination

**Plagiarism**

*Plagiarism is the act of taking someone else’s work and passing it off as your own. This includes incorporating either unattributed direct quotation(s) or substantial paraphrasing from the work of another/others. It is important to cite all sources whose work has been drawn on and reference them fully in accordance with the referencing standard used in each academic Faculty.*

The most common forms of plagiarism are –

• Cut or copied and pasted materials from websites
• Copying the work of another student (past or present) including essays available through “essay bank” websites – or other data.
• Copying material from a text book or journal

When you’re using other people’s work or ideas it is important to engage with their work critically. You can quote, paraphrase, summarise or critically review – but you must always provide appropriate references.

**Collusion**

*Collusion is when two or more people combine to produce a piece of work for assessment that is passed off as the work of one student alone. The work may be so alike in content, wording and structure that the similarity goes beyond what might have been coincidence. For example – where one student has copied the work of another, or where a joint effort has taken place in producing what should have been an individual effort.*

Collusion should not be confused with the normal situation in which students learn from one another, sharing ideas and group work to complete assignments (where this is specifically authorised).

**Plagiarism Detection**

*In concert with the skills and experiences of academic staff the University will utilise electronic tools such as Turnitin to detect plagiarism. Turnitin is the software currently subscribed to by the University.*

At Undergraduate level the University will require that all final year projects and dissertations are submitted to Turnitin for analysis. At postgraduate level the University will require that all dissertations (or similar) are submitted to Turnitin for analysis.

Students are required, where appropriate, to make a declaration as the authenticity and originality of any submitted piece of work. This declaration also authorises the University to request and require students to provide an electronic version of any submitted assessment for checking work via Turnitin where plagiarism is suspected.

**Penalties**

Where an offence is admitted, or a panel decides that cheating, plagiarism or collusion has occurred, a penalty will be imposed. There is a cumulative range of penalties which will be applied to any continuous period of registration for study with the University. The severity of the penalty will vary according to the nature of the offence and the number of previous
offences. Penalties range from failure of the assignment under investigation to exclusion from the University.

Full details about the University's policy on Academic Misconduct, regulations and procedures, investigation of academic misconduct or to make an appeal or a complaint are available on the conductandappeals website.

Anonymous Marking
Anonymous marking is the process undertaken to avoid the possibility of bias through the assessment and marking process. To this end, wherever possible, the identity of students should not be apparent to markers and work should only be identified by student number. Where the method of assessment does not allow anonymous marking, (e.g. dissertations, presentations, oral examinations, practical examinations), alternative methods of marking to mitigate the possible effect of bias will be explained to you.

When submitting assessments in hard copy, you are asked to use your personalised bar-coded coversheet and ensure that you record only your student number in the header or footer of your piece of work.
Where to get help with your course
The CAFS/SNIS/ED student support site on WOLF is where general notices and information is posted and used to relay urgent messages to all students so it is vital that you subscribe to this site on WOLF and check e-mails you receive. You should check the WOLF site for each module that you are taking. You will access all students’ services through three platforms: WOLF, Pebblepad and evision which you will be introduced during induction.

If you have, or think you may have a special need such as dyslexia, or some other disability or illness affecting your studies in the long term, do contact:

Dr Stephanie Brewster
Faculty Enabling Tutor
s.brewster@wlv.ac.uk
01902 323026

or Donna Clifford Disability Adviser for FEHW Student Enabling Centre, MB004 Tel : 01902 (32)1353 Donna is also at Walsall on Wednesdays and Fridays

You can also look on the WOLF topic ‘Students with Special/Additional Needs - Faculty of Education Health and Wellbeing.'
Student Support
If you encounter any issues (personal or academic) the following diagram directs you to the appropriate department or staff member.

**Administration queries:** enrolment, extensions, extenuating circumstances, Leave of Absence, Course transfer, etc
- eVision helpdesk or your Student Centre

**Academic and Course related queries**
- Personal Tutor
- Course Leader
- Head of Department (by email)

**Module related queries**
- Module guide (on WOLF) Module Leader or Tutor

**Support for Study Skills**
- W: www.wlv.ac.uk/skills
- E: skills@wlv.ac.uk
- T: 01902 32(2385)

**IT Problems**
- W: www.wlv.ac.uk/ITServices
- T: 01902 32(2000)

**Who to Contact for help when you are studying on campus**

**Financial advice**
- W: www.wlv.ac.uk/moneymatters
- E: money@wlv.ac.uk
- T: 01902 32(1070)

**Special Needs (Students with disabilities)**
- Special Needs Tutor or Student Enabling Centre
- W: www.wlv.ac.uk/sec
- E: sec@wlv.ac.uk
- T: 01902 32(1074)

**Personal Issues**
- Personal Tutor (see eVision for details)
- University Counselling Service
- W: www.wlv.ac.uk/counselling
- E: counsellingservices@wlv.ac.uk
- T: 01902 32(2572)

**General queries**
- eVision helpdesk or your Student Centre

**Careers & Employment Centre**
- W: www.wlv.ac.uk/careers
- E: careers@wlv.ac.uk
- T: 01902 32(1414)

**Independent academic, financial, international and housing advice**
- Students’ Union Advice and Support Centre
- W: www.wolvesunion.org/advice
- E: advice.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk
- T: 01902 32(2038)

**Extensions, Extenuating Circumstances and Leave of Absence**
The University wants all students to do their best. You are expected to take responsibility for your own learning and we know students perform best if they participate in all activities associated with their modules.

Very occasionally something may happen suddenly which is beyond your control and this will prevent you from attending an examination (or other test) or completing an assessment by the due date. Common reasons for needing additional help are poor health or a death in the family – although other reasons may apply.

**Extensions** - for some assessments there may be the option to apply for a short term (maximum 7 days) extension if you are experiencing difficulties in completing your work on time. You should apply for the extension via your e:Vision account on or before your assessment date and provide supporting evidence to your Student Centre. On receipt of the evidence your claim will be assessed and you will be notified by e-mail if your extension has been approved and your revised submission date. Further details can be found here.

**Extenuating Circumstances** – claims for extenuating circumstances are also submitted via your e: Vision account on or before your assessment date and again evidence to support your claim must be provided to your Student Centre. Claims for Extenuating Circumstances tend to be for more serious matters and if your claim is accepted then it enables you to take the assessment at the next available opportunity without penalty. If you have any queries regarding either of these processes then please log a call on the e:Vision helpdesk.

**Leave of Absence** - in more extreme cases of potential prolonged absence you might consider a temporary leave of absence. Students may temporarily suspend their studies a semester at a time (and up to a maximum of four semesters). You can apply for a Leave of Absence via e:Vision but we would strongly recommend that you get advice from your Personal Tutor, your Student Centre or the Students' Union, particularly regarding the financial implications, before taking this step.

Taking a Leave of Absence can ensure that you have the time away from your studies you need, but it is important you understand all the implications. There are plenty of people who can advise you before you make your decision:
- Your Student Centre (either in person or you could log an e:Vision Helpdesk call).
- The Students’ Union Advice and Support Centre.
- Student Advisors in your Faculty.
- Your Personal Tutor.
- The International Support Team (based in MX Student Centre, City Campus).

**Please consider before taking a Leave of Absence**
- If you’re a full-time student, you could consider switching to part-time mode as an alternative.
- While on a Leave of Absence you won’t have access to University premises or resources or participate in any assessment.
- If you take a Leave of Absence after you have enrolled but before completing your module, any summative (graded) assessment submitted will be carried forward and will contribute to your assessment result for that module when you return, provided the same assessment requirements remain.
Financial impact
You should consider the implications of taking a Leave of Absence will have on your funding and finances. On approval of your Leave of Absence you must ensure that you are fully aware of the fee implications on your return to the course, as fees may be due again for the modules that you were studying when the leave of absence was agreed.

However, your individual circumstances will affect your right to funding so it is important that you seek advice from the Students’ Union Advice and Support Centre – who will also be able to advise you about the impact of any benefit entitlement.

You will not be entitled to Council Tax exemption whilst on a Leave of Absence.

Your tuition fees
In accordance with the University’s fee liability policy, you will be liable for any fees due dependent on the date that you officially apply for Leave of Absence.
If you are a full-time undergraduate UK student, tuition fees are due as follows:
• Attendance in Term 1 = 25% of the tuition fee is due.
• Attendance in Term 2 = 50% of the tuition fee is due.
• Attendance in Term 3 = 100% of the tuition fee is due.
If you are a part-time student, your fee liability is dependent on the number of modules registered in any period.

If you are an international student we take into account the fact that you will have paid a non-refundable deposit and your fee liability points will be at the start of the first term and third term (remainder of fee). We recommend you seek guidance on this from the International Student Support team in MX Student Centre.

Health & Safety issues
You are required to have DBS clearance in order to attend a placement setting and work with children, young people, or families.

Health and Wellbeing whilst using your computer
As a student you will be using a computer for the majority of your study. The guidelines below are to promote good health and wellbeing in relation to your computer use.

Set-up and space
Ensure you have a comfortable working area where you can have adequate space for your keyboard, mouse, monitor or laptop/mobile device and that you are in a comfortable seated position. Try to prevent eye strain by ensuring you have good lighting, adjusting your monitor to prevent glare and by cleaning your monitor regularly. If you are using a laptop for any extended length of time try to use an external mouse to prevent continued use of a laptop mouse pad which can cause strain injuries.

Taking a break
You should take regular breaks away from the screen. One to two minutes away every thirty minutes can be most effective, with regular longer breaks every couple of hours. Physically moving away from the screen and working area will also allow for important stretching and increasing circulation as well as reducing eye strain from looking at the screen.
Progression for Further Study
You may go into teaching, lecturing or research in the field of Childhood and Family Studies or Special Needs and Inclusion Studies.

There is a range of options in community care, family support, play work, working with young people, nursery management, inclusion management, advocacy posts and charities.

If you wish to become a teacher you will need to undertake a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

If you wish to go into teaching/lecturing within a college of Further Education, you may choose a PGCE in Post –Compulsory Education.

You could also choose to apply for a Master’s Degree in Social Work or Education or gain further qualifications as a play therapist or youth counsellor.
You may choose to apply at level 5 for Early Years Teacher Status through Best Practice Network.

Alumni
We're proud of your success. Be proud of your connection with us.

Once you complete your studies you will continue to be part of the University of Wolverhampton academic community as one of our ever growing alumni community. The WLV Alumni Association is a university-wide association bringing together Wolverhampton graduates.

For further information on Graduation and Alumni please visit our Alumni website.

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