

Early years sector

Iram Latif

Is studying for a BA Honours Degree in Early Childhood Studies

Iram wants to progress to postgraduate study to qualify as a teacher.

What are you studying?

BA Honours Early Childhood Studies at Sheffield Hallam University.

What were you doing before this?

CACHE Diploma Levels 2 and 3 at Longley Park Sixth Form College. Prior to this I did BTEC First Diploma in Health and Social Care. My placement was at Owlter Brook Nursery, where I worked as a supervisor.

What do you think of your current course?

I'm enjoying it... though it is a lot of hard work! I really enjoy being on placement. It's great getting really involved with the children and staff. The supervisors are really helpful and give lots of support and advice.



When did you first consider higher education?

After working as a supervisor, I decided what I really wanted to do was develop a career as an Early Years Teacher. My teacher really encouraged me to apply for higher education and gave me lots of support.

What were your concerns about starting a higher education course?

My greatest worry was that I wouldn't know anyone and I was a bit nervous about the journey in! I have friends here now, although I'm not one for parties and going out—I prefer to go home to socialise!

What will you use your qualification for?

I really want to progress to a PGCE (Postgraduate Certificate in Education) to qualify as a teacher. I know I have to get my Maths GCSE and I know that it is competitive to get on courses.

What advice would you give to others considering higher education?

Make sure you choose a course that you will enjoy. Talk to your teachers and Careers Adviser before you apply and do plenty of research yourself. Remember your tutors are there to help you and there is plenty of support available.

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