

# Understanding Children



If you have an interest in learning more about children and would like to see what studying with The Open University is all about, then read on.

## Who is the course for?

*Understanding Children* is aimed at anyone who has a general interest in children, but it's also relevant to people either working or hoping to work with children. As an introductory course it is a first step leading to the option of studying for a certificate, diploma or degree in higher education. It also provides a good starting point for people interested in vocational or professional training in fields such as education, social work or nursing.

## How long will it take?

*Understanding Children* is a short course; it takes no more than 20 weeks to complete, and leads to the award of 10 academic credits which can be used towards a qualification in higher education. You need to allow about 5 hours of study time a week, and this will include reading/listening/viewing the course materials and also telephone support from your tutor.

## What is Understanding Children about?

*Understanding Children* consists of three units, each of which integrates the skills to prepare you for undergraduate study.

Throughout the units, one 'family' and their friends and relatives will lead you through the issues raised. Generally, Unit 1 addresses close relationships and competence in babies. Unit 2 looks at managing conflict in family expectations and the involvement of children starting formal education, while Unit 3 focuses on pre-adolescents and their relationships, experiences in, and contributions to, the family and beyond.

## To find out more

See the contact information on the card *Learning with The Open University*.



## Openings course

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## Level One courses

- Understanding Health and Social Care
- An Introduction to the Social Sciences: Understanding Social Change
- Working with Children in the Early Years
- Supporting Children's Learning in the Early Years
- Specialist Teacher Assistant Certificate

## Level Two courses

- Working with Children and Families
- Working with Young People
- Childhood
- Child Development
- Exploring Psychology
- Inclusive Education: Learning from Each Other

## Level Three courses

- Managing Health and Social Care
- Research with Children and Young People
- Social Psychology: Personal Lives, Social Worlds

## Postgraduate courses

- Child Development in Families, Schools and Society

