

## Curriculum

### 1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER

Introduction to Early Childhood Education  
Basics of Didactics and Inclusion  
Scientific Methods and Communication  
Medicine and Health in Infancy  
Educational Policy and Institutions  
Basics of Law

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER

Aesthetic Education  
Communication, Language and Literacy  
Observation and Documentation in Processes of Early Childhood Education  
General and Cognitive Psychology  
Health Promotion in Infancy  
Basics of Social Politics and Business Administration

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER

Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Early Childhood Education  
Family Pedagogics and Pedagogical Counselling  
Early Childhood Policy and Rights of Children  
Research Methods I  
Developmental Psychology and Pedagogical Diagnostics of Development  
Practical Project I

### 4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

Media Literacy in Early Childhood Education  
Ethics and Profession  
Gender and Diversity  
Research Methods II  
Elective Subjects I

### 5<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

Philosophy of Education  
Creche Education and Educational Transitions  
Educational Networks  
Elective Subjects II  
Practical Project II

### 6<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

Internship in Germany or abroad

### 7<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

Workshops:  
Reflection of Practical Experience, Scientific Writing and Applied Project  
Bachelor's Thesis  
Colloquium

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.A.

in German

**CAMPUS KLEVE**  
FACULTY OF SOCIETY AND ECONOMICS

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, B.A.

## At a Glance

**Campus:** Kleve

**Intake:** Every winter semester

**Duration of Degree:** 7 semesters (full-time)

**Degree awarded:** Bachelor of Arts, B.A. w/ state certification as Kindheitspädagogin / Kindheitspädagoge

**Language of instruction:** German

**Preparatory internship:** 8-weeks, completed by the 4th semester re-enrolment deadline

**Internship or Study Abroad:** at least 100 work days in a public facility, institution or organisation\*

**Restricted Admissions (NC):** Yes

**Application Deadline:** 15 July (for the following winter semester)

\*A practical semester is mandatory for state certification as Kindheitspädagogin / Kindheitspädagoge.

A study or practical semester abroad can also be arranged, however.

## Contact

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## About this Degree Programme

An academisation of (early childhood) education in Germany has led to the introduction of new undergraduate programmes that also offer state certification upon graduation as well.

One such degree programme, Early Childhood Education, B.A. at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences, imparts a comprehensive base of theoretical knowledge and practical skills that empower graduates to work with and foster the development of children from 0 and 14 years of age. The foundation of the degree programme is formed by methodologies and theories from the fields of education, the humanities and social sciences, as well as psychology.

You will not only learn about these methodologies and theories, but how and when to apply them as well. This approach will instil you with the confidence and varied skill set to work with children in a situationally appropriate manner to encourage their growth and development into well-rounded individuals.

As a graduate of this programme, you will be a trained professional capable of critically reflecting upon pedagogical situations through a scientific and empirical lens. You will also be able to develop sound, actionable recommendations in these situations for parents and administrators. Practice-oriented teaching, detailed group discussions and video analysis in our KLEX learning laboratory, as well as well-honed reflection and communication skills will qualify you for a job market teeming with career opportunities.

A degree in Early Childhood Education, B.A. will also qualify you for a master's degree programme in Germany or elsewhere in Europe.



Further information on Early Childhood Education, B.A. can be found on our homepage:  
[www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/KP](http://www.hochschule-rhein-waal.de/en/KP)

## Career Paths and Skills

Your ability to foster the development of children is based on a solid grasp of theory and well-trained practical skills. This professional training opens the door to a wide range of career paths:

- Early childhood education facilities (e.g. from nurseries, to day cares, to schools)
- Institutions for education and education policy (e.g. family centres)
- Recreational facilities for children
- Expert consulting (policy advising, educational counselling, early intervention)
- Associations and charity organisations dedicated to educating children
- Youth welfare offices, educational advising in public sector agencies

## Requirements for Admission

Prospective students with qualifications earned neither in Germany, nor from a German education institution must meet specific legal requirements to study at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences:

- A qualifying University Entrance Qualification
- Sufficient German language proficiency (CEFR level B2 or better)
- Completion of an 8-week preparatory internship. This is not required for initial admission, but must be met by the 4th semester re-enrolment deadline at the latest.



Information about general admission requirements can be found here:  
[hsrw.info/admissionrequirements](http://hsrw.info/admissionrequirements)