



A new specialist qualification in outdoor play and learning for early years practitioners

The Certificate in Outdoor Practice has been designed by Professor Jan White specifically to enable early years practitioners to provide really effective learning experiences for children from 2 to 5 years old every day, throughout the year.

The course runs as a mix of experiential and 'digging deeper' discussion sessions, one day per month over a whole year, followed by making concrete changes in your own setting, with observation, reflection and evaluation of these developments forming the assessment for accreditation (Level 3 OCN, 15 credits). Its structure works to embed long-term, transformational practice that sustains continuing development of both setting/school and staff team long after the course.

The Certificate in Outdoor Practice consists of three modules undertaken sequentially, one per academic term.



Module 1 focuses on your **environment**:
Creating rich experiences outdoors;



Module 2 focuses on **child** development:
Supporting learning outdoors;



Module 3 focuses on managing **outdoor learning**:
Making your outdoor provision work well.

Cost: **£1440** inc VAT
£1200 ex VAT



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Intent – the purpose of the qualification is to guide you to:

- deeply understand child development and outdoor pedagogy, strengthening your ability to support learning and development outside;
- create a strong, enabling outdoor learning environment that matches how young children learn with the special nature of the outdoors.

Implementation – during the course you will:

- develop provision that provides a rich menu of possibilities for learning through a combination of real experiences and play;
- build a pedagogy for making the most of the unique and different nature of the outdoors to enable young children's learning;
- solve organisational and management issues to make your outdoor provision work really well.

Impact - by the end of the year you will:

- be comfortable, confident and competent in working with everything the outdoors has to offer;
- have a rich and powerful outdoor environment that is effective and enjoyable for all, demonstrating leading practice for others;
- find children enthusiastically engaging in active hands-on, holistic and deep learning, motivating critical and creative thinking in all aspects of your curriculum;
- have fostered every child's health, wellbeing, self-regulation and confidence as a learner.

