



Level 3 Award & Certificate in Childcare and Education

Level 3 Diploma in
Childcare and Education
(Early Years Educator)

Qualification facts

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QRN 601/3998/5 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education
QRN 601/3999/7 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education
QRN 601/4000/8 NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

About these qualifications

The Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education prepares learners to progress to the Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education and then on to the Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator), which enables them to gain the knowledge and experience which will allow them to work with children from birth to 5 years.

The Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) enables learners to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators or access Higher Education.

These qualifications have been awarded UCAS Tariff points. For a full breakdown of points please refer to the UCAS website or each qualification page on Qual Hub.

Entry requirements

Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but Centres may have their own guidelines.

Experience in the workplace

Learners taking the Award do not require experience in a real work environment as this is a knowledge-only qualification.

Learners taking the Certificate and Diploma need to have access to real work environments as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

We recommend 365 placement hours for the Certificate and 750 hours for the Diploma.

Early Years Educator: Changes to GCSE requirements

From 3 April 2017, the requirement for Level 3 Early Years Educators (EYE) to hold GCSE English and maths A*-C, was broadened to Level 2 qualifications, including Functional Skills. This also applies to an apprenticeship route.

This enables staff with an EYE qualification and Level 2 English and mathematics qualifications to count in the Level 3 staff:child ratios in childcare settings. This includes those who already hold an EYE qualification, began studying an EYE from September 2014 or will achieve an EYE in the future.

Please refer to the Early Years Workforce Strategy (March 2017) for further details. International qualifications can be checked through NARIC.

Qualification structure

Rules of combination for the Award:

In order to achieve the Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education learners must complete 2 mandatory units, Guided Learning: **180 (hours)** including all the criteria learners must know about within the delivery requirements. Total Qualification Time: **227 (hours)**

Rules of combination for the Certificate:

In order to achieve the Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education learners must complete 8 mandatory units Guided Learning: **540 (hours)** including all the criteria learners must know about within the delivery requirements. Total Qualification Time: **699 (hours)**

Rules of combination for the Diploma:

In order to achieve the Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) learners must complete 15 mandatory units Guided Learning: **1080 (hours)** including all the criteria learners must know about within the delivery requirements. Total Qualification Time: **1437 (hours)**

Mandatory units

Unit ref no.	Unit no.	Title	Level	GLH	Award	Certificate	Diploma
F/506/5384	Unit 1	Child development from conception to seven years	3	120	✓	✓	✓
J/506/5385	Unit 2	Children's health and well-being	3	60	✓	✓	✓
L/506/5386	Unit 3	Providing safe environments for children	3	30		✓	✓
Y/506/5388	Unit 4	Child health	3	60		✓	✓
Y/506/5391	Unit 5	Play and learning	3	90		✓	✓
H/506/5393	Unit 6	Understanding children's additional needs	3	30		✓	✓
M/506/5395	Unit 7	Observation, assessment and planning	3	90		✓	✓
R/506/5387	Unit 8	Professional Practice Portfolio 1	3	60		✓	✓
D/506/5389	Unit 9	Supporting emergent literacy	3	60			✓
R/506/5390	Unit 10	Supporting emergent mathematics	3	60			✓
D/506/5392	Unit 11	Preparing for school readiness	3	60			✓
K/506/5394	Unit 12	International perspectives	3	60			✓
T/506/5396	Unit 13	Reflective practice for professional development	3	90			✓
A/506/5397	Unit 14	Professional partnerships in early years	3	90			✓
F/506/5398	Unit 15	Professional Practice Portfolio 2	3	120			✓

Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods. All units are graded A*-D. Learners taking the Certificate must also complete an Effective Practice Study Task (externally set, externally marked).

Learners taking the Diploma must also complete an Effective Practice Study Task and one Extended Assessment Task (externally set, externally marked).

Within each qualification there is a maximum of one further opportunity after the first submission for learners to submit the External Assessment in order to achieve a pass grade or to improve a grade.

Progression

The Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) enables learners to access Higher Education.

Alternatively, learners can progress into various job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as:

- Early Years Educator (Diploma only)
- practitioner in day nurseries
- practitioner in nursery schools
- practitioner in reception classes in primary schools
- pre-school worker
- home based childcarer
- nanny

For more information

Full details of these qualifications can be found on our website www.qualhub.co.uk

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