

# CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education (QCF) (Proposed 3 'A' Level equivalent)



## Entry Requirements

Students should have a minimum of C grades in 4 different subjects, including English. To go onto teaching, grade C is also required in Maths and Science.

Students should not underestimate the demands of the Diploma programme; both academic and practical work will have to be completed. Students should have a sensible and mature attitude to both work and study and be prepared to make a considerable commitment of time and effort during the course.

## Course Description

This diploma is for learners who wish to work in the children and young people's workforce.

## Assessment

The learner must achieve the minimum of 65 credits to be granted the Diploma.

Additional assessments:

- Externally set CACHE task, covering knowledge assessment criteria
- Written assessment tasks
- Observations of the learner
- Learner Achievement Log (LAL)
- Portfolio of Evidence

## Benefits of studying this course

This qualification has been designed to provide knowledge and understanding that support competent practice.

School: 3 days each week.  
Placements: 2 days each week.

We find appropriate placements (6 placements, 1 per term). These take place throughout the two year course.

## Career Opportunities and Pathways

The course provides exciting opportunities to work with children from babies through to Year 6. It will help to develop confidence and many practical skills and competences set out in the National Occupational Standards in Children's Care, Learning and Development.

The Level 3 course is a premium award that opens up many avenues. The proposed course should carry up to a maximum of 360 UCAS tariff points which can be gained over the two years of study. This means that you can use it to progress to a Level 4 course or to University, or you can view it as a starting block from which to move into other areas like:

- Children's Nursing
- Teaching
- Social Work
- Children's Play Specialist (when combined with appropriate GCSE grades in Maths, English and Science)

Even if Higher Education isn't for you, your options are still varied. The award qualifies you as an Early Years Practitioner to work in a variety of educational settings, for example:

- In a school
- In a special school
- In a private nursery
- In a sure start programme
- As a registered childminder

You can also go from this into many other jobs directly, for example:

- Nursery Nurse
- Classroom Assistant

### **Subject staff contacts for further information**

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