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**study  
programmes  
explained.**

# What does a Study Programme include?

Study Programmes are made up of the below key components to provide a well-rounded learning experience.

## Core qualifications

A substantial level 2 or 3 qualification with high GLH (must be between 270 and 300) and UCAS points.



## Additionality qualifications

Smaller qualifications designed to complement learning and enhance transferrable skills and confidence. These may be related to the core qualification, or be based on employability or transferable skills.



## Supporting qualifications

Give learners the best chance of success by offering breadth of knowledge. They can range from employability to Functional Skills in English and maths.



## Work experience

Enhance learners' employability. The experience offered should be relevant to a learner's career goals and local employment prospects.



The following pages give a little more detail on the benefits of the components and some of the specific qualifications we cover.

# Core qualifications



## Substantial qualifications

### Applied Generals – level 3 qualifications

#### Benefits:

- included in the Department for Education (DfE) performance tables
- don't require work placements/employer involvement during the delivery
- assessed through internal and external assessment.

### Substantial qualifications – level 2 and 3 qualifications

#### Benefits:

- assessed through a portfolio of evidence with no external assessment
- suitable for a variety of learners, including those who underperform in exam conditions.

*All level 3 substantial qualifications attract UCAS points.*

Don't forget, you can build your Study Programme with CACHE substantial qualifications: level 2 and 3 Applied Generals, Tech Certs and Tech Levels.

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# Additionality qualifications



These complement a learner's 16-19 full-time programme. Our extensive range of smaller qualifications develop transferrable skills, improve confidence and help with employment outcomes to support learner progression.



# Supporting qualifications



## English and maths

Learners are expected to hold at least a GCSE grade 4 (or grade C) in these important subjects. However, those who have achieved a grade 2 or below (or grade E or below) can study an alternative qualification, such as Functional Skills.

## Higher Level Studies – level 3 qualifications

Benefits:

- learners will develop skills needed for Higher Education progression
- attract UCAS points.

We offer an Award and Extended Award in Higher Level Studies.

## Employability

Give learners work experience to apply to the real world, building confidence and improving outcomes.

Qualifications include CV writing, interview skills, employability skills, health and safety and occupational studies, to give well-rounded knowledge and preparation for the workplace.

## Life and work skills

Qualifications that offer support related to a learner's career goals, as well as transferable skills they can apply to work and life to help them succeed.

## Extra support

We offer a range of useful qualifications which support personal development and a learner's awareness of issues that can affect them and others.

Our awareness suite of qualifications covers topics such as mental health, substance misuse, stress, alcohol and sexual health, supporting understanding of these important issues.

# Work experience



Prepare learners for employment by embedding critical employability skills that increase their career choices and opportunities.

Our pre-work experience qualifications cover personal and social development and volunteering, so learners are ready for their future.

