

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)		
Qualification number (QN)	601/3998/5 601/8436/X 601/8437/1		
Total qualification time (TQT):	227 569 1196	Guided learning hours (GL)	180 455 938
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.		

About these qualifications

The Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education prepares learners to progress to the Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education and then on to the Technical 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 Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) enables learners to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators or access Higher Education.

The Level 3 Award, Certificate and Diploma have been awarded UCAS Tariff points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of points allocation and the most up-to-date information.

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 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.

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, including all the criteria learners must know about within the delivery requirements.

Mandatory units NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

F/506/5384 Unit 1 Child development from conception to seven years
J/506/5385 Unit 2 Children's health and well-being

Rules of combination for the certificate

In order to achieve the Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education learners must complete 7 mandatory units, including all the criteria learners must know about within the delivery requirements.

Mandatory units NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

F/506/5384 Unit 1 Child development from conception to seven years
J/506/5385 Unit 2 Children's health and well-being
L/506/5386 Unit 3 Providing safe environments for children
Y/506/5388 Unit 4 Child health
Y/506/5391 Unit 5 Play and learning
H/506/5393 Unit 6 Understanding children's additional needs
M/506/5395 Unit 7 Observation, assessment and planning

Rules of combination for the diploma

In order to achieve the Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) learners must complete 14 mandatory units including all the criteria learners must know about within the delivery requirements.

Mandatory units NCFE CACHE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

F/506/5384 Unit 1 Child development from conception to seven years
J/506/5385 Unit 2 Children's health and well-being
L/506/5386 Unit 3 Providing safe environments for children
Y/506/5388 Unit 4 Child health
Y/506/5391 Unit 5 Play and learning
H/506/5393 Unit 6 Understanding children's additional needs
M/506/5395 Unit 7 Observation, assessment and planning
D/506/5389 Unit 9 Supporting emergent literacy
R/506/5390 Unit 10 Supporting emergent mathematics
D/506/5392 Unit 11 Preparing for school readiness
K/506/5394 Unit 12 International perspectives
T/506/5396 Unit 13 Reflective practice for professional development
A/506/5397 Unit 14 Professional partnerships in early years
T/508/1517 Unit 16 Professional Practice Portfolio

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 extended assessment - CCE1 (externally set, externally marked).

Learners taking the Diploma must also complete the extended assessments - CCE1 and DCE2 (externally set, externally marked).

Within each qualification there is a maximum of three opportunities for learners to attempt each of the External Assessments in order to achieve a pass grade or to improve a grade. A learner who intends to submit the extend assessment for a second attempt will be required to make a new submission of the alternative assessment task.

Placement requirements

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.

Progression opportunities

The Technical 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 child carer
- nanny



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