

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Specialist in Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators in Early Years Settings (Award)		
Qualification number (QN)	610/4001/0		
Total qualification time (TQT)	44	Guided learning hours (GLH)	24
Entry requirements	<p>This qualification is designed for learners who envisage or currently have careers in such areas as healthcare, social work, nursing, counselling, early years and teaching. This qualification builds on the outcomes within the Early Years Educator occupational standard (ST0135).</p> <p>Learners must be aged 16 or above to undertake this qualification and have experience of working with babies and young children before registering. Learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a level 2 qualification.</p>		

About this qualification

This qualification is designed to meet the needs of both 16 to 19 and adult learners who are interested in developing additional specialist competence in an educational occupation. It clearly aligns to Skills England's hierarchy of purpose. The qualification offers an engaging course of study and provides learners with the opportunity to specialise within an occupational area.

The qualification will enable learners to acquire the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to develop additional specialist competence within education and early years. Furthermore, employers will be able to access reliable evidence of a learner's achievement against the criteria, which are the minimum requirements for practice in a specialised role within the occupational area, as a special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO).

Qualification structure

Mandatory units

Unit 01 Roles and responsibilities of the special educational needs co-ordinator in the early years (R/651/1074)
Unit 02 Strategies and techniques for supporting children and families (T/651/1075)

Assessment

This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured via a portfolio of evidence.

Placement requirements

Work/industry placement experience is preferred but not required.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment:
 - early years SENCO
- further education:
 - special educational needs
 - early years education
 - teaching and learning
- higher education



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