

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Mental Health in the Early Years (Certificate)		
Qualification number (QN)	610/4509/3		
Total qualification time (TQT)	130	Guided learning hours (GLH)	105
Entry requirements	There are no specific prior skills/knowledge a learner must have for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a level 2 qualification.		

About this qualification

This qualification is designed for learners who wish to understand mental health in young children in the early years (from birth to 5 years old) and the role of the Early Years Practitioner to support children's mental health and wellbeing. This is a knowledge and skills-based qualification. Through achieving this qualification, learners will develop knowledge which would support progression to further qualifications and into relevant employment in the health and social care or education sectors.

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve 3 units from the mandatory units.

To achieve this qualification, learners must successfully demonstrate their achievement of all Learning Outcomes (LOs) of the units as detailed in the Qualification Specification. A partial certificate may be requested for learners who do not achieve the full qualification but have achieved at least one whole unit; partial achievement certificate fees can be found in the Fees and Pricing document on the NCFE website.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 Understand mental health for young children in the early years (H/651/2484)
Unit 02 The significance of attachment and adverse childhood experiences for young children in the early years (J/651/2485)
Unit 03 The role of the Early Years Practitioner supporting mental health and wellbeing for young children in the early years (K/651/2486)

Assessment

This qualification is internally assessed and externally quality assured.

The assessment consists of one component:

- an internally assessed portfolio of evidence, which is assessed by centre staff and externally quality assured by NCFE (internal quality assurance must still be completed by the centre as usual)

Learners must be successful in this component to gain the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Mental Health in the Early Years (Certificate) 610/4509/3.

Placement requirements

The learner must be working, volunteering or on practical placement in an appropriate setting to be able to meet the assessment requirements of this qualification.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment
 - mental health practitioner
 - mental health nurse
 - mental health assistant
 - early years educator
 - early years assistant
- further education



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