

**NCFE**

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# Purpose statement

**NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing  
Caring for Children and Young People  
QN: 600/0336/4**

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### **What does this qualification cover?**

This qualification provides you with the knowledge and understanding you need to make an informed choice about whether or not working with children and young people is right for you.

You will need to complete 16 credits from a choice of 15 optional units to achieve this qualification. These units allow you to choose from a variety of areas to tailor the qualification to your interests, which include:

- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Importance of play for early learning
- Use food and nutrition information to plan a healthy diet
- Introductory awareness of sensory loss
- The value of play to young children
- Young children's development
- Accident prevention and fire safety when babysitting
- Caring for young children in a babysitting environment
- Craft activities with young children
- Rights and responsibilities in relation to parenting
- Parenting and healthy lifestyles
- Parenting a young baby
- Respecting and valuing children
- Sharing learning experiences with children
- Children's play and leisure activities in the community

Completion of this qualification is achieved through classroom based learning.

All the units within this qualification are vocationally based and related to the Children and Young People Sector. This will help you gain the knowledge and understanding you need to make an informed choice about whether or not working with children and young people is right for you.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be at least 14 years old.

This qualification will take approximately 9 months to complete.

### **What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?**

Completion of this qualification will equip you with the essential knowledge and understanding for you to decide whether a career in working with children and young people is right for you. This will include knowledge in relation to:

- childcare and education
- parenting responsibilities and
- babysitting.

There are no skills-based units within this qualification.

**Is this qualification right for you?**

This qualification is suitable for you if you are thinking about a career in working with children and young people.

You do not need to be working as this is a knowledge-only qualification.

**Why should you take this particular qualification?**

Whilst there are other qualifications available at the same level for example the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce qualification, these contain both knowledge and skills units. This qualification however, contains knowledge only units which allows you to gain an introductory knowledge and understanding of childcare and education, parenting and babysitting before deciding whether working with children and young people is right for you.

This qualification also supports progression if you wish to move onto other vocational qualifications such as the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce which contain skills. This will allow you to apply the knowledge you have acquired from the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People qualification.

This qualification is not available as part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

**What could this qualification lead to?**

This qualification will not directly lead to employment. However, it does provide a starting point for you to decide whether a career in working with children and young people is right for you.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, completion of the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People provides you with the knowledge to progress to:

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in an Introduction to Early Years Education and Care
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award, Certificate and Diploma in Playwork
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award and Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Intermediate Apprenticeship for the Children and Young People's Workforce

**Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by the following providers:

- Calderdale College
- Colchester Institute
- Henley College