

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Playwork		
Qualification number (QN)	610/0644/0		
UCAS points	This qualification has been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up-to-date information.		
Total qualification time (TQT):	240	Guided learning hours (GLH)	204
Entry requirements:	<p>This qualification is designed for learners who work or wish to work with children between the ages of 4 and 16 in playwork settings.</p> <p>Learners should be at least 18 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.</p> <p>Entry is at the discretion of the centre, in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and Northern Ireland equality law.</p> <p>There are no specific prior skills or knowledge a learner must have for this qualification. However, learners may find it helpful if they have already achieved a level 2 qualification.</p>		

About this qualification

This qualification is designed to provide in-depth information about the role of the level 3 playworker, and the knowledge required to work with children between the ages of 4 and 16 years.

The certificate is mainly knowledge-based with a limited amount of practical application, it is also nested within the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (610/0645/2) allowing for progression opportunities.

This qualification reflects the National Occupational Standards (NOS) 2016 and prepares the learner for employment in a playwork setting at level 3.

This qualification aims to:

- focus on the study of the role of the playworker
- offer breadth and depth of study, incorporating a key core of knowledge

The objectives of this qualification are to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of the role of the level 3

- to provide a stepping stone approach to learning with shared units with the diploma to support progression
- designed for those aiming to work or working with children aged 4 to 16 years in a variety of play settings

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve **24 credits from the 8** mandatory units.

Mandatory units*

*These units are shared with the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (610/0645/2).

L3CD PW1 Understand play and the playwork principles (J/650/0596)*
L3CD PW2 Creating supporting environments for children's play (K/650/0597)*
L3CD PW3 Understand how to support the safeguarding of children in the playwork setting (L/650/0598)*
L3CD PW4 Understand organisational frameworks to protect the rights of children (R/650/0616)*
L3CD PW5 Understand play and wellbeing (M/650/0599)*
L3CD PW6 Understand relationships in the playwork setting (D/650/0600)*
L3CD PW7 Understand health, safety and security in the playwork setting (F/650/0601)*
L3CD PW8 Engage in professional development and reflective practice (H/650/0602)*

Assessment

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

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 (IQA) must still be completed by the centre as usual)

Placement requirements

This is a knowledge-based qualification. Work placement experience is not required.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment:
 - before and after school clubs
 - holiday playschemes
 - adventure playgrounds
 - open access play settings
 - play rangers
- further education:
 - NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork (610/0645/2)
 - qualifications in other sectors such as youth work



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