

Qualification Factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Specialist in Neuroscience in Early Years (Award)		
Qualification number (QN)	610/4570/6		
Total qualification time (TQT)	105	Guided learning hours (GLH)	120
Entry requirements	<p>This qualification is designed for learners who wish to gain knowledge in order to improve their practice when working with babies and young children, learning from an evidence-informed understanding of early brain development.</p> <p>It may also be useful to learners studying qualifications in early years education.</p> <p>Registration is at the discretion of the centre in accordance with equality legislation and should be made on the NCFE Portal.</p> <p>Industry experience is required, and learners must already have prior core knowledge and skills within the early years sector to study this qualification. It would also be advantageous for the learner to hold a relevant qualification at level 2 or level 3.</p> <p>Centres are responsible for ensuring that all learners are capable of achieving the learning outcomes (LOs) and complying with the relevant literacy, numeracy and health and safety requirements.</p> <p>Learners registered on this qualification should not undertake another qualification at the same level, or with the same/a similar title, as duplication of learning may affect funding eligibility.</p> <p>This qualification is available for learners aged 16 and above in England only.</p>		

About this qualification

This technical specialist qualification is designed for learners to develop an increased understanding of neuroscience in early years. It covers exploration of brain development in relation to holistic growth with a particular focus on self-regulation and how to nurture this in children from birth to 7 years. It also provides an opportunity for learners to acquire a number of practical and technical skills.

Learners are required to demonstrate the full application of knowledge and understanding over a period of time in the workplace.

This qualification will support learners who are seeking a career within the early years sector and who may also want to progress to further or higher education.

This qualification builds on the outcomes within the Early Years Practitioner occupational standard (ST0888).

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification, learners are required to successfully achieve two mandatory units.

Mandatory units

NEY 1 Applying knowledge of neuroscience in early years (T/651/2641)
NEY 2 Self-regulation and how to nurture this in children from birth to 7 years in settings (Y/651/2642)

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

All learners taking this qualification must be assessed in English and all assessment evidence presented for external quality assurance must be in English.

Placement requirements

Learners will need to be working or on a practical placement to be able to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

It is recommended that learners complete 30 placement hours while undertaking this qualification.

Progression opportunities

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

- employment:
 - learners could go on to champion neuroscience in an early years setting from an informed position
- further education:
 - early years education
 - higher education
 - early years education



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