



NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The new Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner provides learners with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to 5 years. The qualification meets the Department of Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for the Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce.

COURSE CONTENT

Level 2 students study the new Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years practitioner, which meets the new government standards for Level 2 childcare workers. The course includes mandatory work experience which involves practical work placement assessments, completed by the department's qualified assessors, whilst working with children from birth to 5 years old. Practical assessments are linked to the mandatory 14 units which form part of the overall qualification. All work is internally assessed by the Early Years department's qualified assessors and students must complete and achieve all criteria within the 14 units to gain the Level 2 Diploma.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Students are required to have a love of working with children in what is a busy and exciting environment. The ability to communicate and interact with both children and adults is a must as communication forms a large part of the assessed skills. Being able to work within a team and using your own initiative are also key practical requirements. The qualification is course work based so requires students to meet deadlines set by

the department throughout each term and involves the need to evidence criteria using developed and extended writing skills.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Upon successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner learners can enter the workforce as a qualified Level 2 practitioner or continue to study the Level 3 Technical Diploma in Childcare and Education.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal entry requirements however enthusiasm and commitment to work with young children is important, as is the ability to interact and communicate with adults and children over a range of ages. Students will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check as part of the placement practice requirements.



NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

NCFE CACHE Technical Diploma in Childcare and Education will train students to the highest standards and will provide the licence to practice and the status of being an Early Years Educator leading directly into employment or Higher Education. We have a proven track record of success in both employment and University places for our students.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

This Level 3 qualification prepares learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5-7 years.

COURSE CONTENT

The course runs over 2 years and incorporates mandatory work experience, with year 1 based around working in a nursery setting with children from birth to 5 years and year 2 based at primary school within reception class and year 1. There are 14 units completed over the 2 years, one of which is a portfolio on placement practice which requires direct observation in a working environment. Regular assessments are carried out during each term to assess skills and performance as per qualification requirements. Class based assessment support underpinning knowledge through course work with deadlines set each term. Knowledge and understanding is also checked through 2 mandatory externally marked controlled assessments, one in the first year and one in the second year.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Students are required to have a love of working with children in what is a busy and exciting environment. They will need to have a strong work ethic and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team. Students are required to communicate and interact with children, also to plan and implement age appropriate activities to support the Early Years curriculum and work as part of the setting team.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of the qualification students can enter the Early Years workforce or access Higher Education. Many students progress onto a Degree in Primary Education, Early Childhood Studies or a Foundation Degree in Early Years, however there are many other Higher Education or employment options available.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entry requirements for Level 3 applied study are required for the Level 3 Technical Diploma. Students will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check as part of the placement practice requirements.