



NCFE CACHE LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA

for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)

LEVEL	MODE	COURSE DELIVERY	OVERVIEW OF LEARNING METHOD	LEARNING LOCATION	DURATION	AWARDING BODY
3	Part Time	Blended Learning (remote delivery and workplace observations)	8 workplace visits and 15 remote sessions @ 2hrs each	Remote & workplace	18 months	NCFE CACHE

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The objective of this qualification is to prepare learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with and care for children from birth to 5 years, and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years.

This is a combined knowledge and competence qualification, which is aimed at individuals who would like to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become a Level 3 Practitioner. In particular, this level 3 qualification would be most appropriate for aspiring room leaders.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

This course includes the following mandatory content across 4 themes:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Legislation, frameworks and professional practice
- Play, development and learning for school readiness
- Professional development

DELIVERY AND ASSESSMENT

The qualification will be delivered as a blended model and will include knowledge delivery via Microsoft Teams, independent study, 1-1 meetings with your tutor and observations within the workplace.

This qualification is assessed by portfolio of evidence with learners achieving either pass or fail. Successful learners will have to demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills across the breadth of the qualification syllabus. The portfolio of evidence will be internally quality assured by Loughborough College.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This qualification is suitable for learners aged 19+. Whilst there is no formal entry criteria with regard to English and Maths Qualifications, it is advised that you have a minimum of Level 1 English to complete the course, however to be classed as a Level 3 Practitioner in Early Years Ratios you have or obtain a Level 2 in Maths and English. If you cannot provide proof of a Level 1 English qualification a small written task will be set to establish the skills needed.

Learners will need to be working, volunteering or on a practical placement as an important part of the assessment process involves evaluating skills in real working situations. We recommend 350 hours across the age ranges.

PROGRESSION

After completing this qualification, learners could progress on to Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner. This qualification is aimed at individuals who would like to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to supervise within early years settings. In particular, this level 4 qualification would be most appropriate for existing room leaders.

FUNDING

From April 2021, any adult aged 24 and over who wants to achieve their first full level 3 qualification, which is equivalent to an advanced technical certificate or diploma, or 2 full A levels, will be able to access hundreds of fully-funded courses including this one, as part of the National Skills Fund 'Lifetime Skills Guarantee'.

19 to 23 year olds will continue to be eligible for their first full level 3 via the adult education budget, and for any additional qualifications made available through this offer.

COURSE ENQUIRIES

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