

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
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What does this qualification cover?

This qualification provides you with the core knowledge and skills needed to work in a supervised support role with children or young people in primary, secondary or special schools.

You will need to complete 9 mandatory and a selection of optional units to achieve this qualification. The mandatory units are:

- Child and young person development
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults
- Equality, diversity and inclusion in work with children and young people
- Help improve own and team practice in schools
- Maintain and support relationships with children and young people
- Support children and young people's health and safety
- Support children and young people's positive behaviour
- Support learning activities.

The optional units are:

- Schools as organisations
- Contribute to supporting bilingual learners
- Invigilate tests and examinations
- Prepare and maintain learning environments
- Provide displays in schools
- Support assessment for learning
- Support children and young people at meal or snack times
- Support children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs
- Support children and young people's play and leisure
- Support children and young people's travel outside of the setting
- Support extra-curricular activities
- Support the use of information and communication technology for teaching and learning

- Move and position individuals in accordance with their plan of care
- Provide support for therapy sessions

Completion of this qualification is achieved through a combination of classroom-based learning and experience in the workplace.

All the units within this qualification are vocationally based, directly helping you gain the knowledge, understanding and skills required to work in a supervised support role within a school setting.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be at least 16 years of age.

This qualification will take approximately 6 months to complete.

What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?

Completion of the mandatory units equips you with the essential knowledge and skills required to work in a supervised support role within a school setting, whilst the optional units allow you to choose specific areas of study that will broaden the range of duties you can undertake e.g. invigilating exams or supporting play and leisure activities before or after school, as well as providing a grounding in a specialist area should you choose to progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools.

The learning outcomes of this qualification are achieved through a combination of classroom-based learning and experience in the workplace.

Is this qualification right for you?

This qualification is a good choice for you if you are working in or considering employment in supervised roles that support pupils' learning, including teaching assistants, learning support assistants and special needs assistants.

You will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as you will need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

Why should you take this particular qualification?

You should undertake this Level 2 Certificate if you already have a basic knowledge or some experience of working in school support roles, and are looking to enter the workforce in a supervised role or progress to further learning in the same area (e.g. the Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools) or a related area working with children (e.g. the Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)).

There is a smaller qualification at this level (the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools) which is aimed at learners who have no experience of working in school support roles.

There is also a Certificate at Level 3 (the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools), which may be more suitable if you wish to work with greater responsibility in an unsupervised role supporting a broader range of curriculum-based and more specialist learning (e.g. providing one-to-one support for a child), and a Level 3 Diploma (the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools), which builds on the content of the Level 3 Certificate with additional optional units, providing an opportunity to specialise or develop knowledge and skills in areas of particular interest.

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification provides you with the knowledge, understanding and skills to work in a variety of supervised roles that support pupils' learning in schools, such as:

- teaching assistant
- learning support assistant
- special needs assistant.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, completion of the NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools provides you with the knowledge and skills to progress to:

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools.

Who supports this qualification?

The qualification is supported by the following employers:

- Bradford College
- Our Lady of Lincoln Catholic Primary School
- Sir John Thursby Community College
- Preston Grange Primary School
- Walker Primary School
- St Gregory's Catholic Academy