

# Qualification factsheet

## Qualification overview

<b>Qualification title</b>	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education & Care		
<b>Qualification number (QN)</b>	601/3955/9		
<b>Total qualification time (TQT):</b>	285	<b>Guided learning hours (GL)</b>	223
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	Learners should be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.		

## About this qualification

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care prepares learners to work with children from birth to 5 years and includes knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years. This qualification provides learners with a direct progression route on to the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator).

## Qualification structure

This qualification is comprised of Themes 1 and 2 from the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator) plus one additional unit on reflective practice.

In order to achieve the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Early Years Education and Care, learners must achieve 12 mandatory units and a short answer examination. The qualification is graded A\*-D. The final grade awarded will be based on the overall mark achieved from the short answer examination.

There are 12 mandatory units: Theme 1 and Theme 2 plus a reflective practice unit.

### Mandatory units

Theme 1: Health and well-being

Y/505/8117 Support healthy lifestyles for children through the provision of food and nutrition
D/505/8118 Support healthy lifestyles for children through exercise
H/505/8119 Support physical care routines for children
Y/505/8120 Promote children's emotional well-being
H/505/8122 Understand how to support children who are unwell
D/505/8135 Understand the needs of the mother and baby during pre-conception, pregnancy and the first year of life

Theme 2: Legislation, frameworks and professional practice

K/505/8123 An introduction to the role of the early years practitioner
M/505/8124 Understand legislation relating to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children
F/505/8127 Use legislation relating to the health and safety of children
L/505/8129 Use legislation relating to equality, diversity and inclusive practice
D/505/8121 Work in partnership

Reflecting on practice

H/506/2753 Reflecting on practice in the early years sector
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## Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods. This could include direct observation within the workplace, a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task which we have set.

Learners must also pass one externally set, externally marked Short Answer Examination.

Within each qualification there is a maximum of one further opportunity after the first submission for learners to submit the External Assessment in order to achieve a pass grade or to improve a grade.

## Placement requirements

Learners will need to have access to a real work environment, as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

## Progression opportunities

This qualification provides learners with a direct progression route on to the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator).

This qualification may enable learners to work under the supervision of Level 3 staff in a variety of roles in an early years setting; however, it does not provide a license to practice.



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