

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children [501/1015/9]

What does this qualification cover?

This qualification provides you with an introduction to the knowledge and skills needed to care for young children.

The qualification is formed of a variety of optional units that cover children's growth, learning and development. There are also units to help with self-development. This enables you to tailor the qualification to your interests.

The subject areas include (but are not limited to):

- safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- science, technology, craft and musical activities for young children
- practical health and safety when with young children
- finding out about forest schools
- supporting babies to play, understanding play for early learning, and children's play and leisure activities in the community
- sharing learning experiences with children
- human growth and development
- respecting and valuing children
- investigating a vocational area
- self-development
- preparing for your next steps.

Completion of this qualification is achieved through classroom-based learning.

17 of the 21 mandatory and optional units within this qualification are vocationally based, directly helping you develop further your knowledge and understanding of how to care for children.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be at least 14 years of age.

This qualification will take approximately 9-12 months to complete.

What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?

Completion of this qualification will give you a basic understanding of the knowledge and the skills needed to care for young children, for example:

- knowing the support a young child needs to gain confidence through play
- understanding activities that will develop a child's talking and listening skills
- understanding the role of a routine in the care of a young child
- knowing about the need for a healthy diet for the young child
- knowing about combining food to make up a balanced diet
- knowing how to respect and value children as individuals.
- knowing the role of adults in supporting play and leisure activities in the community
- knowing about factors which influence growth and development of children from birth to 5 years 11 months
- knowing how technology toys or activities support children's learning and development
- knowing about health and safety equipment which helps to keep children safe.

Is this qualification right for you?

This qualification is ideal if you are considering a career in caring for children and have a basic understanding of childcare, either through previous completion of a qualification in caring for children or through workplace experience. It could also support you with re-engaging with learning or progressing to learning at the next level, and break down barriers to you entering the childcare workforce.

This qualification can be achieved by those with special educational needs or where English is an additional language.

You do not need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as this is a knowledge only qualification.

Why should you take this particular qualification?

Our suite of Caring for Children qualifications is made up of the:

- NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Caring for Children
- NCFE CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children
- NCFE CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children

If you want to gain an introductory knowledge of Caring for Children you should undertake the Award.

If you wish to build on the knowledge within the Award, the Certificate will introduce you to new areas relevant to the sector.

The Diploma is suitable if you wish to gain a broader knowledge of Caring for Children.

If you wish to progress to a Level 2 qualification, this suite of qualifications will prepare you for this as it includes units at Level 2.

The NCFE CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children is not available as part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification will not lead directly to employment. However, it does provide you with the knowledge to make an informed choice as to whether a career in caring for children, or learning at a higher level in a related field, is right for you.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, the NCFE CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children provides you with the sector-specific knowledge needed to progress to:

- GCSEs
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in an Introduction to Early Years Education and Care

Who supports this qualification?

The NCFE CACHE Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children is supported by the following providers:

- Calderdale College
- Colchester Institute
- Lambeth College