

5 February 2018

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Dear James and Emma

I am writing in support of the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education QRN: 603/2988/9.

University College Birmingham is based in the heart of the UK's biggest regional city and is highly respected by employers and industry for providing career-focused education and training. UCB specialises in vocational courses in both the Higher Education and Further Education sectors with a growing portfolio of Apprenticeships.

The School of Education, Health and Community equips learners with a strong foundation for working within early years and childcare sector across a range of settings. Courses feature work placements and are geared towards a broad variety of rewarding careers and specialisms as well as offering progression opportunities from level 2 to level 6 study.

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education qualification will provide individuals who have an interest in Childcare, with an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding, to an advanced level, and prepare learners to progress onto a range of higher education programmes within the Childcare sector and other relevant sectors. This qualification also requires the use of techniques for evaluation, analysis and reflection and these study skills will benefit learners progressing to higher education.

University College Birmingham does deliver further education programmes and we would consider offering the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education.

We also find this qualification is fit for purpose and suitable for meeting the entry requirements to a range of our higher education programmes, when combined with other qualifications such as 'A' levels and Applied Generals.

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education contributes towards our entry requirements for a range of our programmes, including:

- BA/FdA Childhood Studies
- BA/FdA Childhood Studies with Practitioner Status
- FdA Community, Youth and Families

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Typically, our intake onto these courses are 125 students per year.

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate in Childcare qualification is suitable for anyone aged 16 and above.

I agree to this letter being published electronically on CACHE's website/public domain, in accordance with the DPA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Carey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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