

1st March 2018

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Dear Vicky

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

The University of Bedfordshire is a modern, innovative university with a heritage of top quality education going back more than 100 years. We nurture our students to become educated, employable and entrepreneurial global citizens and welcome students of all ages and backgrounds. We have more than 20,000 students from over 120 countries and have international and multi-cultural learning communities as well as education partners in China, Middle East, Europe and South East Asia. 92% of Bedfordshire students who graduated last year have found jobs or are in further study – the highest figure achieved by the University. (*Destination of Leavers of Higher Education (DLHE) 2016 survey*).

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education will provide individuals, who have an interest in Childcare, with an opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding to an advanced level. It supports learners to enhance their techniques of evaluation, analysis and reflection, and those progressing onto higher education will benefit from these study skills.

As a Higher Education Institution, we consider that this qualification is fit for purpose and fulfils entry requirements to courses in a range of subjects, when combined with other qualifications such as 'A' levels and Applied Generals.

Entry onto our courses varies according to the subject for which an applicant has applied and the number of UCAS points required. Please see our website for the most up to date entry criteria.

An example of some of the courses The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education contributes towards are:

- BA (Hons) Child and Adolescent Studies
- BA (Hons) Health and Social Care
- BA (Hons) Youth and Community Work

Typically, our intake onto each of these courses are 30-50 candidates a year.

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education 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 faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'BC' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

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