

Qualification Purpose Statement

Qualification title

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care (603/3293/1)

Who is this qualification for?

The Level 2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care has been designed to meet the needs of learners from the age of 14 years. It will provide an opportunity to gain a vocational qualification that gives a basic introduction to the sector. It includes the knowledge and understanding of child development and well-being.

The Department for Education (DfE) has approved this qualification to count in the 2020 key stage 4 performance tables in the Technical Award category.

You will need to be at least 14 years of age to take this qualification. We do not set any other formal entry requirements, but training providers may have their own.

What will you study as part of this qualification?

This qualification provides you with an introduction to child development and well-being.

You will need to complete 3 mandatory units to achieve this qualification. The mandatory units are:

- Unit 1: An introduction to working with children aged 0-5 years
- Unit 2: Development and well-being 0-5 years
- Unit 3: Child care and development 0-5 years

Completion of this qualification is achieved through classroom based learning. It can usually be completed in two years.

What knowledge and skills will the learner develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

This qualification will enable you to develop significant transferable knowledge and study skills that will support progression to further learning, including:

- an awareness of learning styles
- a basic introduction in to working with children in a variety of settings
- an understanding of roles and responsibilities when working in a setting
- an understanding of Equality and Diversity within a childcare setting
- a basic understanding of the stages and sequence of child development
- an introduction to observing children and how it supports development
- an introduction to the influences that affect holistic development
- an introduction to everyday care routines and the types of activities that can support the development of independence
- an introduction to supporting children through transition.

The awareness of your own learning styles and study skills contained in this qualification support your progression to further learning.

Is this qualification right for you?

This qualification is a good choice for you if you wish to gain an understanding of child development and well-being. This qualification is ideal for you if you wish to progress to further learning in this area, as it supports progression to a broad range of vocational training courses at Level 2 and above, including our suite of Early Years Educator qualifications at Level 3.

Why should you take this particular qualification?

This qualification is our only Level 2 vocational qualification which serves as an introduction to child development and well-being and counts as one GCSE in the Department for Education's Key Stage 4 Performance Tables.

What could this qualification lead to?

Progression to further relevant level 2 programmes of study or level 3 programmes of study including those from our Early Years Educator suite. Learners may also progress to an Apprenticeship route in early years or child care at either Level 2 or Level 3.

Which subjects will complement this course?

This qualification is not part of a suite but learners may wish to study the Level 2 Technical Award in Health and Social Care alongside this qualification as it serves as an introduction to the health and social care sector. Both of these qualifications will provide a starting point for learners to decide whether a career in child care and education and/or health and social care is right for them.

Learners can study this qualification alongside any subjects at GCSE.

Further Information

You can find further information on the qualification on our website: www.qualhub.org.uk/.