



Level 2 Certificate in

Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings

Qualification facts

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About this qualification

The Level 2 Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings covers a range of key subject areas that provide learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to care for and educate children aged between 0 and 11 years 11 months old.

It has been designed to support learners to progress onto Level 3 qualifications across a number of sectors, including the Early Years Educator sector, the Supporting Teaching and Learning sector, and the Children and Young People sector. It also contains significant transferable knowledge for the Health and Social Care sector.

In addition, Centres can deliver this qualification as part of a full study programme (alongside, for example, GCSE English and Maths).

Entry requirements

Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but Centres may have their own guidelines.

Experience in the workplace

This qualification has a minimum requirement of 120 work placement hours. However, we recommend learners undertake at least 200 work placement hours.

Mandatory units:

Unit ref no.	Title	Unit type	Level	GL
J/615/7560	Child development from birth to 11 years 11 months	Knowledge	2	60
R/615/7559	Play and learning	Knowledge	2	60
L/615/7558	Exploring legislation	Knowledge	2	30
J/615/7557	The role of the childcare practitioner	Knowledge	2	30
J/615/7556	Nutrition	Knowledge	2	30
J/615/7555	Physical development and physical activity	Knowledge	2	30

Assessment

To gain this qualification, learners must achieve a minimum of a Pass grade in each of the six mandatory units. These units will be internally assessed and graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

In addition, learners will need to complete:

- A Professional Skills Record. This will be compiled over a minimum of 120 hours of placement in a real work environment and will be assessed by the supervisor and Centre assessor at the early years and primary school settings. This Professional Skills Record will be graded Pass or Refer.
- A synoptic short answer examination, which will be undertaken at the end of the qualification. This will be externally set and assessed, and will be graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

All units, the Professional Skills Record and the short answer examination grades will be combined to give an overall graded result of Pass, Merit or Distinction. Full achievement of the qualification will not be possible until all components are complete.

Progression

This qualification allows progression on to Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and other Level 3 qualifications relating to Childcare, Health and Social Care or Supporting Teaching and Learning.

Career opportunities

This qualification is designed as entry to the workforce at Level 2 and may support progression into a range of job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors, such as:

- Nursery assistant
- Classroom assistant
- Pre-school assistant

Paediatric First Aid

Statutory guidance states that all newly qualified entrants to the early years workforce, who have completed a Level 2 and/or Level 3 qualification on or after 30th June 2016, must also have either a full Paediatric First Aid (PFA) or an emergency PFA certificate within three months of starting work, in order to be included in the required staff/child ratios at Level 2 or Level 3 in an early years setting (EYFS 2017).

Our Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid has been developed to meet the requirements set in the statutory guidance and it is strongly recommended that this qualification is achieved by learners wishing to enter the early years workforce.

For more information

Full details of this qualification can be found on our website www.cache.org.uk

