

Children and Young People's Workforce Early Years Educator Pathway Advanced (Level 3)

The CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) prepares learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years. Upon achievement of this qualification it is intended that learners will be able to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators.

Why study this course?

- Completing this apprenticeship programme will enable you to continue in the workforce as a qualified Early Years Practitioner and to be counted in the level 3 staff: child ratios in early years settings.
- CACHE is the leading awarding organisation in the care sector. They have surpassed the minimum requirements to develop a qualification which reflects the priorities of practitioners and employers to meet the needs of young children.

Who is the course aimed at?

Job roles include:

- Day nursery practitioner
- Nursery school practitioner
- Reception class practitioner (in primary schools)
- Pre-school worker

What will you study?

You will explore a variety of topics which are structured around the following themes:

- Theme 1: Health and well-being
- Theme 2: Legislation, frameworks and professional practice
- Theme 3: Play, development and learning for school readiness

Knowledge and Skills you will develop

Through completing this apprenticeship you will be able to:

- Provide high quality, care and education for children aged 0-5 years.
- Develop and implement risk assessments and follow legislation relating to the health and safety of children.
- Demonstrate best practice and act as a positive role model for the children.
- Follow the principles for equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Safeguard and protect children; understand relevant legislation and welfare requirements.
- Promote and support children's healthy lifestyles, physical care routines and emotional well-being.
- Work as part of a team and develop good partnership working with others.
- Observe, plan and assess children's learning and development in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.
- Understand the value of play in the early years and links to theoretical perspectives.
- Understand and support children's transitions; prepare for school readiness.
- Support children with additional needs.
- Take responsibility for own development of skills and knowledge; engage in professional development.

Behaviours you will develop

- Working in childcare requires good communication skills, teamwork skills, flexibility, honesty, patience and the ability to improve own learning and performance

Entry requirements

- Learners should be at least 16 years old.
- An initial assessment of English and mathematics will be carried out prior to enrolment, a minimum level 1 functional skills is required.
- Maths, English and ICT Functional Skills Level 2 will be studied as part of the qualification if the apprentice does not already have GCSE grade 4 or above in these subjects.
- Satisfactory DBS
- Successful interview

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How long will it last?

- 18 months / 2yrs

How will it be delivered

- You will attend college taught sessions one evening a week for 12 months
- The competency requirements will largely be delivered in the workplace environment, via regular assessor visits and one to one tutorials.
- You will gain practical experience with each of the following age groups:
 - 0-1 year 11 months
 - 2-2 years 11 months
 - 3-5 years
- You will complete a Longitudinal Study of one child across one area of development.

Qualifications gained

- Cache Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)
- Level 2 Functional skills in English (if required)
- Level 2 Functional skills in Mathematics (if required)
- Level 2 Functional Skills in ICT (if required)
- Level 2 Understand Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care or Children and Young People's Settings (E.R.R.)

Progression to further study

- With experience you may wish to progress to Level 4 Advanced Practitioner or Level 5 Leadership and Management.
- Alternatively you can access Higher Education at university to pursue careers such as teaching or children's nursing.

Further details

Further details on this standard can be found at:

www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/adult-care-worker/

Who to contact

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