

CACHE/NCFE
Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce
(Early Years Educator)

Commencement date: January 2018

Key Facts



What is the Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)?

The CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QCF) prepares learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with and care for 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.

Who is it for?

Learners who register onto this course will be working as Key Workers or will be supporting Key Workers in their roles. Learners will be expected to carry out the full range of childcare duties including: general care duties; the provision of early education; observation, assessment and planning; and working in partnership with parents, carers, other colleagues, and outside agencies.

What does the qualification consist of?

The qualification consists of 23 mandatory units with a credit value of 61. 486 guided learning hours will be required in order to complete all units.

In order to achieve the qualification learners must provide evidence to satisfy all competency and knowledge criteria following four themes. The four themes are as follows:

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

What are the Apprenticeship requirements?

Learners will be expected to make a personal commitment towards completing this programme, which will include:

- Completion of all works towards achieving the Core Qualification – the EYE
- Unless suitable and recognised qualifications are already held, learners must achieve Level 2 qualification in mathematics and English
- 12 Paediatric First Aid Certificate (responsibility of employer)

English & Maths

In order to be counted within staffing ratios at level 3, learners must:

- Hold a GCSE (minimum grade A* - C) or Level 2 Functional Skills qualifications in Maths and English by the end of the course.

How is the course delivered?

The course is delivered as follows:

- Monthly tutored workshops will deliver the knowledge element of course content
- On site assessments will assess the practical (demonstrated) element of course content
- Written assignments will be submitted by learners which will be used to assess knowledge criteria

How long will the course take to complete?

This qualification will take approximately 18 – 24 months to complete depending on whether or not English and maths are being studied alongside the programme.

How are learners assessed?

Learners are assessed throughout the programme and their progress is reviewed regularly to ensure they remain on target for timely completion. Learners written work will be assessed and they will also be assessed in practice.

What are the costs?

Apprenticeships are Government funded for eligible learners, however, from May 2017 small and medium sized businesses (non-levy paying employers) are required to contribute 10% of the costs of training (currently £250). Learners are not legally allowed to pay this fee. Levy paying employers (large employers) and can fund the cost of the apprenticeship through the Apprenticeship levy.

Learners are responsible for purchasing their own text books or they may choose to borrow these from their local library.

For self-funded learners (those who already hold qualifications above level 3 or those not entitled to claim UK funding) the cost will be £2760 (£2300 plus VAT at 20%). Payment options are available.

How you can apply

You may register your interest by:

1. emailing training@futureworks.org.uk
2. visiting www.futureworks.org.uk
3. calling us on [020-8916-2078](tel:020-8916-2078)

Interviews

Interviews will be arranged once registration packs are submitted.

Interviews will take place in FutureWorks offices, address detailed below:

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