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Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner (EYAP)

(Qualification Reference Number 601/8424/3)



The qualification's content, structure and outcomes

As a practitioner within the early years workforce, this NCFE CACHE accredited Level 4 qualification aims to provide you with professional development opportunities. This work-based qualification will embrace the wealth of experience that you have already gained within the Level 3 early years workforce, and challenge you in both your daily practice and theoretical understanding.

You will need to complete 5 mandatory units to achieve this qualification. The mandatory units are:

1. **Enabling children to learn** (Unit ref H/508/0928)
2. **Promoting health and well-being through physical activity and nutrition co-ordination (PANCo) in the early years** (Unit ref K/508/0929)
3. **Working with others to support children with additional needs, including Special Educational Needs and Disability** (Unit ref D/508/0930)
4. **Working with families and other professionals in early years settings** (Unit ref H/508/0931)
5. **Implementing change in an early years setting incorporating a small scale research project** (Unit ref H/508/0932)

This qualification will equip you with knowledge, understanding and skills across a range of key subject areas, for example:

- holistic learning of babies and children from birth to five years of age
- statutory planning and monitoring requirements
- the benefits of physical activity, and the importance of diet, to the health and wellbeing of babies, children and their families
- effective inclusion of children in early years settings
- the responsibilities of the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) within early years settings, to promote children's learning and development
- statutory requirements for working in partnership with families
- how effective partnership working with other professionals can improve the care and development of babies and children in own setting

Is this qualification for you?

This qualification is a good choice for you if you are looking to progress to become an Advanced Practitioner within the early years workforce. The Advanced Practitioner will use crucial leadership skills to mentor others across all roles and responsibilities in the early years workforce. To be eligible to register on this programme you must hold a full level 3 qualification in childcare and you must be working in a role where you can lead and motivate a team and where you can implement change at a strategic level.

Outcomes

Through this qualification, you will gain the required knowledge, understanding and skills to progress from a full Level 3 Early Years or Childcare qualification, up to a Level 5 qualification, such as the Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services England). The qualification will also prepare you for further study of early years in higher education, e.g., a relevant degree in early childhood studies.

Progression

You could progress to the following job roles and responsibilities:

1. Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)
2. Physical Activity and Nutrition Coordinator (PANCo)
3. Internal progression at a higher level, including those with management responsibilities
4. Leadership, mentoring, supervision and management opportunities.

UCAS points

The Level 4 Early Years Advanced Practitioner qualification will not be eligible for UCAS points. However, it could provide evidence for a personal statement to enable mature students to enter Higher Education. A full Level 3 Early Years or Childcare qualification is an entry requirement for this qualification; therefore you may already have UCAS points from your Level 3 qualification.

How the course is delivered

This is a tutored course delivered over 6 sessions to a group size of 10 learners. Learners are expected to exercise a high degree of autonomy in order to achieve stated outcomes, as would be expected of practitioners working at this level. Learners must contribute fully to tutored sessions by taking part in debates and discussions and by bringing ideas and reflections into sessions. Learners must commit to reading a wide range of research and early years texts which must be reflected in their written and practical work.

Session Dates and Course Duration

Session 1 - Tuesday 23rd January 2018	9:30am – 3:30pm
Session 2 - Tuesday 20 th February 2018	9:30am – 3:30pm
Session 3 - Tuesday 20 th March 2018	9:30am – 3:30pm
Session 4 - Tuesday 24 th April 2018	9:30am – 3:30pm
Session 5 - Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	9:30am – 3:30pm
Session 6 - Tuesday 19 th June 2018	9:30am – 3:30pm

Learners are expected to achieve the qualification by 31st July 2018.

Assessment processes

Learners will be expected to: submit written assignment which will be assessed against stated outcomes; reflect on their work within a leadership role to improve outcomes for children; submit a small scale research project explaining how change has been implemented within their settings; and present a 15 minutes PowerPoint presentation on their advanced practitioner learning journey.

Cost

The cost of this programme is £750 plus VAT (£900)

How to register your interest

You may register your interest by emailing training@futureworks.org.uk or by completing an expression of interest through our website www.futureworks.org.uk. Alternatively, call **0208-916-2078** and speak to a team member to register your interest.