

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education (RQF)

Overview

The NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education provides a strong foundation in early years education and child development. It equips learners with essential knowledge about children from birth to seven years and prepares them for roles within the early years sector. This qualification covers key aspects of child health, development, and the role of an Early Years Educator during this critical stage of life.

This course also supports learners in progressing to university degrees and higher education by awarding UCAS points based on the grades achieved. The qualification is Ofqual-accredited and delivered 100% online, allowing learners to complete it at their own pace.

The Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education is part of a nested qualification structure, meaning learners can upgrade to higher-level qualifications within the same subject area. Upon completion, learners have the option to progress to the Level 3 Certificate or Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education, expanding their knowledge and career prospects.

Scope of this Qualification

This Level 3 Award is designed for individuals looking to develop the skills necessary for working in early years education and child development. It is ideal for those aspiring to become early-years educators, childcare professionals, or individuals interested in supporting children's health and well-being.

Duration and Delivery

This Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education qualification is designed to be completed online at the pace that suits you. Our Level 3 Award in Childcare and Education course can take as little as 4 weeks or up to 6 months, depending on your previous experience and the time you can dedicate to the course. This Level 3 Award is delivered through our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) whereby you are provided online tutor support to successfully complete your course.

Assessment and Verification

This qualification will be internally assessed by our qualified assessors and externally verified by awarding organisation through portfolio of evidence. The assessment takes the form of two written assignments and work products, detailed guidance for which will be provided by the tutor once you start the course.

Upon successful completion of this qualification, learners will be awarded **UCAS points** based on their achieved grade. These points can be used to support applications for university and higher education courses. The allocation of points is as follows: an *A grade** earns 28 UCAS points, an A grade earns 24 points, a B grade earns 20 points, a C grade earns 16 points, and a D grade earns 12 points. This ensures that learners who achieve higher grades have a greater advantage when applying for further education opportunities.

Portfolios will be submitted in batches of learners twice a year, in February and July, for sampling and certification by the awarding body. Learners are advised to submit their work at least one month in prior to ensure they receive their certification within the respective timeframe.

Progression

Successful completion of this qualification allows learners to progress onto university degrees and higher education, depending on the UCAS points achieved. Additionally, learners can enrol in the following related qualifications:

- [Focus Awards Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools](#)
- [Focus Awards Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools](#)
- [NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Preparing to Work in Home-Based Childcare](#)
- [NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare \(England\)](#)

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227

Total Qualification Time

180

Guided Learning Hours

Duration

Fast Track	4 Weeks
Full Time	Up to 6 Months

Entry Requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for this qualification. However, the learners must be 16 years or above to get themselves enrolled in this course.

Unit Structure

Unit 1: Child Development from Conception to Seven Years

Unit 2: Children's Health and Well-Being

