

EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE COURSE – LEVEL 3 AWARD



The **Early Learning & Childcare - Level 3 Course** is designed for people who ultimately seek to work in the child care sector and provides underpinning knowledge of the Children and Young People's Workforce QCF Qualification.

Please Note: This course provides all the underpinning knowledge for students wishing to embark on a career in child care but to work in this sector you are also required to gain a formal vocational qualification.

The course is a theory based course which leads to a Level 3 award certificate through NCFE. Students will in addition be provided with a full list of course units and assessment criteria mapped to the NCFE Level 3 Diploma for Children and Young People's Workforce.

On successful completion of the course you will receive a recognised level 3 Award issued through a National Awarding Body in the UK.

Objectives:

The aims of this course are to allow students to develop:

- An understanding of the role of learning and development in child care settings, and the legislative context within which child carers Operate.
- An understanding of the personal and interpersonal skills required of a child carer at this level.
- An understanding of early education frameworks.

From September 2010 two significant changes to qualifications for people working (or planning to work) in the Child Care sector have taken place.

These are to be fully implemented from January 2011 and are:

- The introduction of a new national qualifications system called Qualifications Credit Framework (QCF) which provides for a credit based system of qualification accreditation where student will study units of learning and obtain credits for them towards nationally recognised qualifications.
- The introduction of new qualifications for the child care sector, overseen by the Sector Skills Council Children's Welfare Development Council.

The result of these changes is that people looking to qualify to work in the sector will be expected to obtain a competence base qualification which assesses knowledge, understanding and skill in an agreed range of subject areas. Because the skills elements **MUST** be assessed in the workplace by a professionally qualified person it will in future be necessary for students to complete a series of practical workplace assessments in order to achieve a full qualification. This cannot be undertaken by distance learning but in order to make progress students can learn and be assessed on a range of knowledge and understanding elements, by a distance learning method.

Consequently the course we offer enables students to complete a range of units which teaches much of the essential knowledge and understanding required. On completion of this course, students will need to complete further study and assessment under the guidance of a workplace assessor, but will have gained a solid foundation of knowledge on which they have been assessed.

Price:
£250.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £100.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £50.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
Coursework

Approximate Study Time:
200 Hours of Self Study

The new QCF, referred to above, incorporates the principle of Recognition of Prior Learning whereby students can claim credit or exemption for prior learning and on completion of this course you will be provided with a detailed statement of the units and learning outcomes achieved. This will then enable you to request credit or exemption for elements of the qualification required to practice in the sector.

The new QCF qualification being introduced is the Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (Early Learning & Child Care pathway). This is based upon achieving credits drawn from a range of mandatory and optional units. This course is fully mapped to the new qualification, and provides required knowledge and assessment for 12 study units.

This means that through this course of study, students can gain a broad understanding of key elements of the child care role and progress as far as possible by distance learning and receive accreditation for your work. You can then complete a full qualification in a workplace environment through additional assessment, whilst gaining credit for the units completed by distance learning.

The following units are covered in the course materials:

- Unit 1: Understand Child and Young Person Development
- Unit 2: Understand How to Safeguard the Wellbeing of Children and Young People
- Unit 3: Support Children and Young People's Health and Safety
- Unit 4: Working Together for the Benefit of Children and Young People
- Unit 5: Understand How to Support Positive Outcomes for Children and Young People
- Unit 6: Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
- Unit 7: Context and principles for early years provision
- Unit 8: Promote children's welfare and well being in the early years
- Unit 9: Professional practice in early years settings
- Unit 10: Engage parents in their children's early learning
- Unit 11: Support children and young people to achieve their learning potential
- Unit 12: Promote young children's physical activity and movement skills

Course Duration & Support:

Students may register at any time and have a full year to complete their studies. You also have access to a personal tutor by mail or email for a 12 month period. As the course is self study you can complete in as little or as long a time as you prefer.

Assessment:

You will be assessed on coursework which is detailed in the course materials. Most coursework consists of short paragraph answers to set questions. Your work can be sent back to your course tutor by email or by post.

Qualification:

This award is gained from successfully completed coursework so there is no exam to complete. On successful completion of this course, students will receive an **Early Learning & Child Care Level 3 Award**.

This award has been independently accredited at a level of learning equivalent to level 3 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and is comparable to working at A Level or NVQ Level 3.



The award is issued through NCFE. NCFE is recognised as an awarding body by the qualification regulators ('regulators') for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The regulators are the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual) in England, the Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (DCELLS) in Wales and the Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland.