

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKFORCE CACHE Level 2 Certificate

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Childhood Studies	CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Children and Young People's Workforce	Level 2	CACHE

## Course Summary

This qualification is designed primarily for young people aged 16 – 19 years. The course is also accessible to mature learners who wish to undertake a childcare course in preparation for access to study at a higher level in the future or wish to work in the children and Young people's Workforce in a diverse range of job roles and occupational areas, including Early Years and Social Care.

The age range covered is from birth to 19 years. The course allows learners to gain knowledge and skills through a range of experiences both in college and childcare settings.

## How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 13 mandatory and 2 optional units. All units are internally assessed.

The optional units are from the Level 3 Diploma enabling learners to undertake more challenging study in preparation for the workforce or continued study at level 3.

Assessment enables the learner's workplace practice to provide evidence for individual units as well as the whole qualification. Methods of assessment could include:

- Observation of practice
- Witness evidence
- Reflection on own practice
- Written assignments
- Learners own plans and written records
- Tasks set by CACHE

All assessment criteria for the units must be achieved to a satisfactory standard in order to achieve the qualification with a pass grade.

## Entry Requirements

This course is designed for learners who have a minimum of 4 GCSE's at Grade D preferably including English Language. All applicants, including mature learners, will be considered on an individual basis. Learners are required to be self-motivated and to take a degree of responsibility for their own learning.

## How much time will I spend on the course?

The timetable will consist of 15 taught and assessed units. Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT will be integrated for learners aged 16-19 years.

## How is the course taught?

A variety of teaching methods will enable learners to fully access knowledge and skill development. Students are required to work both individually and as part of a team. Practical placement experience will also enhance knowledge and skills working in the real work environment.

## Where is the Course taught?

The course will be taught at NEW College, Redditch Campus in the 6th Form Centre. Practical work experience will be in childcare setting.

## Who is this course suitable for?

Learners will need to be working, volunteering or on a practical placement as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

## What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing materials. A polo shirt, at a cost of £10.00 will need to be purchased from college to be worn in placement.

We would also recommend that learners buy a course textbook to support independent study

## Are there any additional costs?

All learners will be expected to have an enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Clearance (CRB) before being able to attend any childcare workplace. The cost (non-refundable) is £42.00.

Additional costs may be incurred for Educational Visits. Full details will be given at the start of the course.

\*You may be able to get help with the costs from the College's Learner Support Fund. More details are available from the Student Advice Guidance and Support team (01527) 572691.

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## What are the mandatory modules or units?

- L2** Introduction to communication in health, social care or children & young people's settings
- L2** Introduction to equality and inclusion in health, social care or children & young people's settings
- L2** Introduction to personal development in health, social care or children & young people's settings
- L2** Child & young person development
- L2** Contribute to the support of child & young person development
- L2** Safeguarding the welfare of children & young people
- L2** Contribute to children & young people's health & safety
- L2** Support positive children and young people's positive behaviour
- L2** Contribute to the support of the positive environments for children & young people
- L2** Understand partnership working in services for children & young people
- L2** Paediatric emergency first aid
- L2** Managing paediatric illness & injury
- L2** Maintain & support relationships with children & young people

## Optional Units

NB:Optional units will be chosen according to requirements of learners

- L3** Understand child & young person development
- L3** Promote child & young person development
- L3** Understand how to safeguard the well being of children & young people
- L3** Support children & young people's health & safety
- L3** Develop positive relationships with children, young people & others involved in their care
- L3** Working together for the benefit of children & young people
- L3** Understand how to support positive outcomes for children & young people
- L3** Support the creativity of children & young people
- L3** Understand the speech, language & communication needs of children & young people

## What can I do after this course?

On completion of this qualification learners can progress to various job roles, dependent on their chosen career pathway. The following list is not exhaustive, but indicative of the opportunities available:

Specific job roles may include:

- assistant playgroup workers
- assistants in children's centres
- assistants in day nurseries, nursery schools and nursery classes in primary schools
- registered childminders and nannies.
- General opportunities:
- support workers in the above settings
- anyone who works with children and young people in the voluntary sector, including volunteers who are not covered by another sector skills body

This level 2 qualification provides opportunities for progression to further study of the CACHE Level 3 diploma for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce.

## What careers would this course be useful for?

The knowledge and skills developed within the course will enable learners to obtain employment in a range of childcare settings. The skills gained on the course are also transferable to a range of other areas.

## How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete and application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website [www.ne-worcs.ac.uk](http://www.ne-worcs.ac.uk).

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.

## Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.