

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKFORCE Level 3

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Childcare	Award, Certificate & Diploma in Caring for Children (QCA)	Level 3	CACHE

Course Summary

The programme is designed for people aged 16 – 19 primarily but mature applicants are welcomed to prepare them for future career's and further study, through a broad-based curriculum. The course allows students to gain underpinning knowledge and experience in a range of practical placements attended each week.

How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 11 units each of which is assessed by a range of methods including written assessments, role play, presentations, discussions, posters, scrapbooks and practical activities.

Entry Requirements

This course is designed for learners with a 5 Grade C or above GCSE profile in which English Language is a minimum requirement at grade C or above. All applicants will be considered on an individual basis. Students 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 11 diploma units, group tutorials, and Functional Skills. This is usually spread over 3 days in college and two days in placement..

How is the course taught?

There is a variety of methods including visiting speakers, formal lectures and practical sessions. Students are required to work both individually and as part of a team in their placements.

Where is the Course taught?

Redditch campus, Sixth Form Centre

Who is this course suitable for?

Anyone with an interest in careers in the childcare sector and anyone wishing to go on to higher education.

What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need writing materials, a T-shirt for placement and a text book.

Are there any additional costs or specialist equipment required?

A clear Criminal Record Bureau check will be required at a cost of £44.00 Educational visits will be carried out at least twice throughout the year at variable cost to the learners.

*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?

Core Units are:

- Promote Communication
- Promote equality and inclusion
- Engage in personal development
- Principles for implementing duty of care
- Understand child and young person development
- Understand how to safeguard the well-being of children and young people
- Support children and young people's health and safety
- Develop positive relationships with children
- Young people and others involved in their care
- Working together for the benefit of children and young people
- Understand how to support positive outcomes for children and young people.

This will add up to 28 credits

In addition you take an Early Years Mandatory Pathway of the following units:-

- Context and Principles for Early Years Provision
- Promote Learning and development in the Early Years
- Promote Children's Welfare and Well-Being in the Early Years
- Professional Practice in Early Years Setting
- Support Children's Speech Language and Communication.

This is a total of 22 credits

To make up the full Level 3 Diploma of 65 credits, you will have 15 credits to 'spend' on optional units.

What can I do after this course?

Students achieving the full qualification may progress onto Level 4 Higher Education or the following career's :

What careers would this course be useful for?

The knowledge and experience developed within the course can be useful when seeking employment in Pre school worker, Practitioner in a Children's Centre, Practitioner in day nurseries, Nursery schools or reception class's in primary schools, Registered Childminder or Nannies, Educational Support Worker, Foster Carers, Children and Family Social Workers, Registered Managers of Children's Homes, Deputy and Assistant Managers, Residential Childcare Workers, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service Advisor, Youth Workers and Learning Mentors.

Selected career pathways may require additional qualifications at a higher education level.

How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to complete an 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.

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.