

CHILDCARE LEVEL 3



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WELCOME

In this guide you will find everything you need to know regarding the Childcare Level 3 qualification, including the different elements that go together to form the framework, the mandatory and optional units available, the different ways in which you will learn, and the methods of assessment.

Who is this qualification suitable for?

This qualification is most suitable for learners who are in a childcare setting such as nursery, pre-school or crèche. You must have a desire to work with children and young people (0-19 year olds) and will need to be patient, caring and, above all, enjoy the company of young people and children. Examples of typical roles are; Early Years Worker, Care Worker, Assistant Youth Support and Community Worker.

In addition, the framework provides employers with a toolkit from which they can deliver relevant teaching and learning, appropriate to their evolving business needs.

How do I enrol?

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Visit our website
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Complete an application form

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We check your application

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We discuss funding options
with you

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You complete an initial
assessment in English
(Maths assessment optional)

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We complete enrolment
paperwork with you

7

You start your qualification!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator)

17 mandatory units
(total of 64 credits)

Learner Name:

Skill scan completed by:

Mandatory (64 credits)

Level	Unit title	Credits	Can do? Y/N	Chosen
3	300: Developing effective study skills	4		
3	301: Promote partnership working with parents	3		
3	302: Model, promote and support positive behaviour with children	3		
3	303: Principles of safeguarding policies and procedures in early years settings	5		
3	304: Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in the early years sector	2		
3	305: Working in partnership with colleagues and other professionals in early years settings	3		
3	306: Plan and implement activities, play opportunities and educational programmes in an early years setting	4		
3	307: Promoting children's health and welfare in an early years setting	4		
3	308: Promoting the health and safety of children	4		
3	309: Promote children's speech, language and communication development	3		
3	310: Support organisational requirements for recording, storing and disclosing information and providing reports in an early years setting	2		
3	311: Supporting children's creative and imaginative play and experiences	5		
3	312: Supporting children experiencing transitions and significant events in the early years sector	2		
3	313: Continuous professional development using reflective practice in the early years sector	2		
4	400: Theories which underpin practice in the early years sector	7		
4	401: Child development from conception to 7 years	7		
4	402: Observation and assessment in the early years sector	4		

How will learning take place?

Off the job learning

Off-the-job refers to the time taken to develop technical skills and knowledge of theoretical concepts across a range of contexts. It can be seen as time away from 'the immediate pressures of the job', and may include all of the following (non-exclusive) activities:

- Individual and Group teaching
- Coaching
- Distance learning
- e-learning
- Feedback and Assessment
- Guided study
- Learning with peers
- Networked or collaborative learning
- Mentoring

You may attend sessions at Access Training during your qualification and you will have an assessor visit you in the workplace. You will need to spend some time at home providing written accounts and research for your portfolio.

On the job learning

On-the-job refers to the time taken to develop the practical skills applied in the context of a job role. It can be seen as the time you spend being guided whilst undertaking normal activities as part of your job role, and which provide opportunities to learn, develop and practice skills.

The Assessment Process

Access Training use a blended learning model which means that training, assessment and support will be delivered in a variety of ways to suit you and your employer. Webinars, e-learning, and Skype will be combined with face-to-face visits and self-study to provide flexible learning that you can access when and where you want - whether that's during an appointment in working hours, taking part in a Skype call at your desk or watching a video on your phone.

Achievement of the qualification is based around the provision of sufficient evidence to show that the job can be done to the national standards. You need to collect a variety of evidence and this collection of evidence is called a 'portfolio'. This will be done electronically via an e-portfolio and your assessor may use any of the following for sources of evidence:

Performance at Work (Observation)

Your assessor will observe your performance in the work place against the national standards.

Work Product

There may be tasks that you routinely carry out which are applicable to your qualification - i.e. send and receive emails. The products of these tasks may be used as evidence, as long as the evidence is sufficiently current and relevant to the standards.

Recognition of Prior Learning

This could be a relevant qualification or achievement, for example, First Aid, Safeguarding etc. This is sometimes referred to as 'Recognition of Prior Learning' and abbreviated to RPL.

Witness Statement

Witnesses can provide evidence of the way the job is done, usually in the form of a witness statement. Your supervisor/line manager will provide you with the testimony relating to your performance at work.

Questioning

Questioning may be oral or written. Your assessor will ask you questions to make sure you have the necessary knowledge and understanding to carry out your job activities to the national standard. Where suitable, your assessor may electronically record question and answer sessions.

Professional Discussion

Your assessor may use a dictaphone or smartphone to record a professional discussion. These will be based on activities you have taken part in and are a good way for yourself and your assessor to discuss and explore the event.

Reflective Account

Reflective accounts are used to reflect on your working practice. You will be asked to provide a statement on how you have carried out a task e.g. how you dealt with an accident, this will then be assessed and used as evidence of your competence.

Completion of the diploma

When all outcomes have been achieved, your paperwork and portfolio is passed onto the Internal Quality Assurer, who will sample it and apply for your certificate, if it is of the required standard.

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