

Childcare CACHE Level 1 Diploma

Study Mode: Full Time

Is this course right for me?

Are you passionate about the education, development and care of young people?

The BTEC Level 1 Diploma in Early Years Education will help you to develop your knowledge and understanding through hands-on learning in a number of interesting areas including growth and development, food and nutrition, care of children and play, and towards the end of the course you will get the chance to develop your skills further on a short work placement in a local play group.

Studying the course will also introduce you to some of the innovative work being done with children throughout the country and you will also get the chance to visit local parks and play groups and participate in working in the community when helping to support the popular family fun days at Cosford Air Museum.

The course will also help with self-development and developing those all-important employability skills that will help you decide what your career path should be.

As part of the course you will get the chance to upgrade your English and maths skills and tutors will also support you if you wish to progress to the next level of study.

Entry Requirements

For external applicants:

To access this course, you are required to:

- Three or more GCSEs at grade 2 (E) or above, including English & maths OR
- Functional Skills Level 1 English & maths
- You must have an interest in the subject and keenness to study
- Demonstrate how you have previously had good attendance and punctuality and a good attitude to learning

For internal progression learners (already studying with us):

Learners must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Have successfully completed a relevant course that naturally progresses onto this programme, achieving a good standard
- Have improved their English and maths grades since enrolment
- Have maintained good attendance and punctuality
- Show a consistently positive attitude to learning

Please note:

- Acceptance on the course is subject to an interview and you will also be required to have a satisfactory DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check.
- If you want to progress to the Level 2 qualification you will need to successfully complete this level along with the required level for English and Maths.

What will I learn?

During this course you will study a range of topics and learn about:

- Children's play and leisure activities in the community
- Sharing learning experiences with Children
- Growth and development of young children
- Supporting babies to play
- Self-development
- Listening to and talking with young children
- Healthy eating for families
- Practical health and safety when with young children
- Craft activities for young children
- Respecting and valuing children
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Preparing for your next steps

You will also study maths and English which are a crucial part of developing the necessary skills for your continued progression.

What skills will I gain?

By studying this course you will:

- Develop skills to effectively communicate with children
- Be able to plan a physical care routine for children
- Prepare activities which will encourage children to eat healthily
- Understand how to provide a safe environment for children
- Know how to value children by treating each as an individual
- Practice ways in which you can provide a stimulating environment for children
- Gain valuable team working and communication skills by taking part in a group activity which would engage children in a variety of activities
- Develop your skills in reading, writing & speaking through presentations to fellow students, reading and following instructions, planning and evaluating activities and completing job applications
- Develop your maths skills by designing games and activities for children (using number & calculation), organising practical early years activities (using measure, volume & quantity) and keeping children safe (using ratios)

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed throughout the course in the following ways:

- Project work
- Assignments
- Peer assessments
- Presentations
- Case studies
- Workbooks
- Controlled assessment carried out in exam conditions.

You will also be required to sit exams for English and maths.

What can I do next?

Completion of this course will enable you to:

- Take the first steps towards a career in early years education
- Progress to the Level 2 CACHE (Council for Awards in Childcare & Education) Diploma in Early Years

Delivery

Location: Wellington Road Campus

Start Date: 07/09/2026

Day:

Time:

Course Fee:

Course Code: CP0058

Study Mode: Full Time

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