

NCFE CACE Level 1-2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care

Exam Board:
NCFE CACHE

Course description

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners who wish to be introduced to childcare and development for children aged 0-5 years. It provides the opportunity to gain a vocational qualification that gives a basic introduction to the sector. It includes the knowledge and understanding of child development and well-being necessary when preparing for working with children in a variety of settings. It also gives learners an insight into their preferred learning styles and assists in developing their ability to study.

This qualification will enable learners to develop significant transferable knowledge and study skills that will support their understanding on the following themes:

1. Child development
2. Factors that influence the child's development
3. Care routines, play and activities to support the child
4. Early years provision
5. Legislation, policies and procedures in the early years
6. Expectations of the early years practitioner
7. Roles and responsibilities within early years settings
8. The importance of observations in early years childcare
9. Planning in early years childcare

Assessment

The qualification consists of 2 assessment methods; an externally-set: non-exam assessment (NEA) and an examined assessment (EA):

NEA	You will be provided with an assignment set by the exam board to complete	Assessment task (coursework) 50% weighting
Exam	You will be tested on all of the content learnt for the NEA	External question paper (exam) 50% weighting

The qualification is graded from Level 1 pass/merit/distinction (L1P/L1M/L1D) to Level 2 pass/merit/distinction/distinction* (L2P/L2M/L2D/L2D*)

Future opportunities

Studying child development can help you on your way to a career in the caring professions; child care, social work, paediatric care, midwifery, early learning and primary school services.

When should I take this subject?

Students can take this as a GCSE optional qualification. This qualification is equivalent to one GCSE.

Other information

This course is academically demanding as assessment is continuous. You need strong literacy skills as all of the work is written-based including the exam. The exam covers a wide area of knowledge. You should be able to meet deadlines and work independently to research information.