**NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)**

**Qualification Reference: 610/4164/4**

**Course Offer**

This qualification is designed to prepare learners to become early years educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years, gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years and be included in staff:child ratios. It includes both knowledge and skills that meet the Department for Education Early Years Educator (DFE EYE) criteria

* The course is available through electronic learning.
* The average course is approximately 12 months: however, your own length of learning will be individually agreed.
* The maximum number of workplace visits will be one visit per calendar month.

**Achievement**

To achieve the full qualification, you must achieve all mandatory units listed below:

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| WF1 | Introduction to the role of the early years educator |
| WF2 | Holistic child development |
| WF3 | Children with special educational needs and disabilities |
| WF4 | Effective communication in an early years setting |
| WF5 | Safeguarding and welfare requirements |
| WF6 | Health, wellbeing and safety |
| WF7 | Promoting an effective early years curriculum |
| WF8 | Assessment of children’s learning and development |
| WF9 | Understand play for holistic development and learning |
| WF10 | Partnership working |

**Early Years Educator: GCSE English and Maths requirement**

The requirement for Level 3 Early Years Educators (EYE) to hold GCSE or Functional Skills in Maths at Level 2 has been removed from ratio requirements. Learners will still need to hold a suitable Level 2 English qualification in order to count within the staff:child ratio’s at Level 3. From January 2024, a manager or a learner that starts in a manager role will also need to hold a suitable Level 2 Maths qualification.

**Progression**

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to the following:

* Employment:
	+ Educator in day nurseries
	+ Educator in nursery schools
	+ Educator in reception classes in primary schools
	+ Pre-school worker
* Further education:
	+ NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner
* Higher education – personal statements may be accepted by universities