An Applied General is a qualification that is suited to post-16 learners and can be offered as a technical alternative to an A Level. They benefit from applied learning and a mixture of practical external assessment and portfolio work, so learners can evidence what they know through means other than a cumulative assessment. The qualification also has tangible links into the workplace as we develop the content with professionals working in the related sector.

The Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education is designed for learners who want to study at a higher level and is aimed at learners aged 16-19 in schools and colleges, but is also accessible for learners post-19.

Qualification content
While studying this qualification, your learners will:

• explore types and functions of childcare services
• consider the role of the professional childcare practitioner
• understand human development from conception to 19 years
• study legislation relevant to early years, childcare and education
• understand educational frameworks and how they are applied to optimise opportunity for children and young people
• understand the role of play in the development and well-being of young people.

Qualification overview

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What’s next?
Learners who achieve the Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education could progress to degree courses including:

• Advanced Apprenticeship for the Children and Young People’s Workforce
• Early Years Educator, which leads to vocationally related employment in early years and childcare with a licence to practice.

Why choose CACHE?

Our qualifications
We work with schools, colleges and employers to ensure our qualifications meet the needs of learners and are fit for purpose.

Supported by employers
Our qualifications are supported by employers.

Our customer commitment
You will have access to support from our award-winning customer service team throughout your delivery.