

Guiding learners towards a future that works

Who we are

With a combined experience of over 250 years' NCFE and CACHE design, develop and certificate technical qualifications which are delivered in schools, colleges and by independent training providers to thousands of learners each year.

“Our results show that CACHE qualifications cover the right foundational knowledge needed to provide learners with access to Higher Education studies.

CACHE qualifications provide particularly good preparation for learners looking to study at university. The combination of theory and practical work means learners are able to apply relevant knowledge to their day to day work.”

Dr Kaz Stuart,

Associate Professor and Principal Lecturer in Health Psychology and Social Studies at University of Cumbria

Progress to Higher Education

We have a range of qualifications which are robust technical alternatives to academic qualifications such as A Levels. They are equivalent in levels of rigour and challenge and many are approved by the Department for Education to appear in the 16-19 performance tables up to 2021.

Our Level 3 qualifications:

- ▶ are for post-16 learners
- ▶ consist of substantial Guided Learning Hours (GLH)
- ▶ attract 112 or 168 UCAS points
- ▶ support the widening participation and access agenda
- ▶ prepare learners for study at a Higher Education Level by developing skills such as research methods, reflective practice, self-directed study, critical thinking and academic writing
- ▶ are developed alongside sector specialists including employers, subject specialists, sector skills councils, Further Education and Higher Education institutions to ensure their content is accurate, relevant and reflective of employer requirements.

Where appropriate, our Level 3 qualifications contain:

- ▶ a high level of science knowledge, for example infection control and prevention, anatomy and physiology and psychological perspectives
- ▶ a requirement for learners to attend a placement in a real work environment
- ▶ rigorous external assessment.

In addition, our Health and Social Care qualifications are mapped to the Care Certificate and our Childcare and Education qualifications provide a licence to practice.

Explore our qualifications

Some of our most popular qualifications with progression to Higher Education include:

CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

CACHE Technical Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

CACHE Level 3 Technical Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator)

CACHE Level 3 Technical Diploma in Early Years Education and Care (Early Years Educator)

CACHE Level 3 Extended Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Wales and Northern Ireland)

If you are interested in discussing collaborative opportunities, have any questions about the qualifications, or would like to find out more about us, please visit [ncfe.org.uk](https://www.ncfe.org.uk) or [cache.org.uk](https://www.cache.org.uk) or email us at stakeholders@ncfe.org.uk.