Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award in Transition to Playwork
Qualification number (QN)	603/7635/1

Total qualification time (TQT):	80	**Guided learning hours (GL)**	36

Entry requirements:	Learners who wish to study this qualification must be at least 18 years old and have 2 years' experience of childcare/education experience as well as one of the following: • a full level 3 competency-based qualification in education or childcare or a historical qualification with education or childcare that would encompass early years, childcare, supporting teaching and learning, youthwork, Forest Schools • or an alternative regulated full level 3 competency-based qualification that recognises the ability of learners to work with children in the absence of their parents/caregivers (for example, residential childcare/social care with children/sports) Learners registered on this qualification should not undertake another qualification at the same level, or with the same/a similar title, as duplication of learning may affect funding eligibility.
UCAS	This qualification has been allocated UCAS points. Please refer to the UCAS website for further details of the points allocation and the most up-to-date information.

About this qualification

The aim of this qualification is to provide learners, who have experience and who are qualified at level 3 in working with children, with an understanding of the playwork principles and theories that underpin playwork practice. The qualification also aims to cover how applying the playwork principles and theories provides a framework that enables and supports children's play, and their overall development. It also offers an opportunity for reflection on the learner's own practice and supports progression to competence-based playwork qualifications.

Qualification structure

To be awarded this qualification learners are required to successfully achieve **3 units (8 credits)** from the mandatory units.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 A playworker's understanding of playwork (M/618/7622)
Unit 02 Playwork in practice (T/618/7623)
Unit 03 Playwork in the wider context (A/618/7624)

Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods, which could include: inference of knowledge from direct observation of practice, expert witness evidence when directed by the sector skills assessment strategy, portfolio of evidence or a task set by us*.

* Note: assessment tasks are provided for tutors' convenience. They are not mandatory.

All units must be assessed in line with the playwork assessment strategy.

Placement requirements

This qualification requires learners to be working or on practical placement as learners will need to achieve both knowledge and skills throughout the duration of the qualification, before certification.

Progression opportunities

Learners could progress to the following employment:

- hospital playwork practitioner
- holiday club practitioner
- after school club practitioner
- adventure centre practitioner

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