

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education NCFE CACHE Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education		
Qualification number (QN)	603/2987/7 603/2988/9		
Total qualification time (TQT):	182 370	Guided learning hours (GL)	200 414
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.		
Entry requirements:	Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but centres may have their own guidelines		

About these qualifications

The Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education enables learners to develop knowledge and understanding of child development, education and care, which will allow them to progress to study in further education, higher education or join the workplace as an apprentice. This qualification is the equivalent, in size and rigour, to that of an AS level.

In this qualification learners will develop an understanding of:

- diverse childcare settings and the role of the childcare professional
- roles, responsibilities, skills and attributes for working in childcare settings
- types and functions of childcare services
- significant milestones and relevant theories related to human development.

In this qualification learners will develop practical skills and techniques in:

- teamwork and partnership building
- professional and personal development
- communication
- evaluation
- research
- analysis
- reflection.

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- diverse childcare settings and the role of the childcare professional
- roles, responsibilities, skills and attributes for working in childcare settings
- types and functions of childcare services
- significant milestones and relevant theories related to human development
- educational frameworks and how they are applied to optimise positive outcomes for children and young people
- relevant legislation and statutory guidance
- approaches to play and the impact of play on learning, well-being and development.

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These underpinning, transferrable skills will benefit learners if they choose to progress to higher education

Qualification structure

To be awarded the Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education, Learners will need to complete unit 1 and 2 from the mandatory units. In addition to these, learners will need to complete one external assessment in the form of a Scenario Based Short Answer Examination.

To be awarded the Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education, learners must achieve a minimum of a Pass in the 5 mandatory units and the 2 external synoptic assessments.

Mandatory units

Unit 01 The role of the early years, childcare and education practitioner
Unit 02 Human development from conception to 19 years
Unit 03 Key legislation, policy and procedures
Unit 04 Statutory educational frameworks
Unit 05 Play and learning

Assessment

All units for the Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education will be internally assessed using a variety of methods. In addition, learners will be required to achieve a minimum of a

Pass grade for a Scenario Based Short Answer Examination, which will be externally set and externally assessed

All units for the Level 3 Applied General Certificate for Early Years, Childcare and Education will be internally assessed using a variety of methods. In addition, learners will be required to achieve a minimum of a Pass grade for a synoptic Short Answer Examination and a synoptic Controlled Extended Assessment, both of which will be externally set and externally assessed.

Progression opportunities

The Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education will prepare learners and assist them to progress to higher education and apprenticeship courses such as an Advanced Apprenticeship for the Children and Young People's Workforce or Early Years Educator, which leads to vocationally related employment in early years and childcare with a licence to practice.

The Level 3 Applied General Award for Early Years, Childcare and Education enables learners to prepare for employment in job roles such as:

- Assistant in children's centres
- Practitioner in day nurseries
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- Practitioner in reception classes in primary schools
- Pre-school worker

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