

Qualification factsheet

Qualification overview

Qualification title	NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award for the Early Years Child Development Advocate Programme		
Qualification number (QN)	603/7519/X		
Total qualification time (TQT):	50	Guided learning hours (GLH)	40
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:	This qualification is suitable for learners aged 16 and above working in early years education and it is expected that learners will have successfully completed an Early Years Educator or Early Years Practitioner qualification before being able to register on this qualification.		

About this qualification

The Level 3 Award for the Early Years Child Development Advocate Programme will support learners in the early years workforce as part of their continuing professional development.

It will equip learners with awareness, up-to-date knowledge and understanding of how children develop, and it will reinforce that expanding a practitioner's knowledge of child development will support children's progress within an early years setting.

Learners will be encouraged to disseminate their knowledge to staff within their setting to underpin their role as advocates of child development within the early years workforce.

Learners will have the opportunity to research, work in partnership and mentor or coach others to promote child development and share good practice.

Qualification structure

To achieve this qualification, learners are required to successfully complete all mandatory content from both units.

Mandatory units

Child development for child-centred practice in the early years (A/618/7171)
Being an advocate for child development in own setting (F/618/7172)

Assessment

The 2 mandatory units will require the completion of a portfolio of evidence which will be internally assessed and externally quality assured.

Placement requirements

Experience in a real work environment is required.

Progression opportunities

This qualification is suitable for those working in an early years educator or support role and is appropriate for those looking to build upon their continuing professional development in the early years.

Learners who achieve this qualification could strengthen their middle leadership skills and create more opportunities to progress to senior leadership and management roles.

Achievement of the Level 3 Award for Early Years Child Development Advocate Programme could allow learners to progress onto the following qualifications:

- NCFE CACHE Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner (601/8424/3)
- NCFE CACHE Level 4 Award in Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Leadership and Management in the Early Years (603/4888/4)
- NCFE CACHE Level 5 Diploma for the Early Years Senior Practitioner (603/3907/X)



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