



## CACHE Level 3 - Diploma in Child Care & Education (Early Years Educator)

### What is a CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education qualification?

- It is a practical, work-related course. You learn by completing assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations.
- You will be prepared for working without supervision, or in a supervisory capacity, with children and their families in a variety of settings.
- You can also progress onto Higher Education Child Care related courses.
- All students must have a clear Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check prior to starting the course.

### What are the entry requirements?

You will normally need to have at least one of the following:

1. A BTEC Level 2 qualification at grade Merit or above plus one GCSE grade C or above
2. At least 5 GCSEs, or equivalent, at grade C or above
3. A CACHE Level 2 qualification (Pass)
4. **At entry point students must have a minimum of grade D in GCSE English and GCSE Maths.** Students who have *not* achieved a C grade in Maths and English must be working towards achieving this before the end of the course.



### What is the structure of the qualification?

To achieve the Diploma, you will need to complete a number of units plus a reflective study and one extended essay.



### How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed both internally and externally. All the assignments are marked internally by the teachers but the reflective study and extended essay are set and marked externally by CACHE.

### What courses or employment can I progress to at the end of my course?

You can also progress onto Higher Education related courses or employment in child care having achieved Qualified Practitioner Status.

If you and your parents want more information please view the following website and contact the Head of Department to discuss the course.