

NCFE CACE Level 2 Award in Child Development and Care

Exam Board:

CACHE

Course description

This qualification is aimed at a range of learners who wish to be introduced to childcare and development for children aged 0-5 years. It provides the opportunity to gain a vocational qualification that gives a basic introduction to the sector.

It includes the knowledge and understanding of child development and well-being necessary when preparing for working with children in a variety of settings.

It also gives learners an insight into their preferred learning styles and assists in developing their ability to study.

This qualification will enable learners to develop significant transferable knowledge and study skills that will support progression including:

- an awareness of learning styles
- a basic introduction in to working with children in a variety of settings
- an understanding of roles and responsibilities when working in a setting
- an understanding of Equality and Diversity within a childcare setting
- a basic understanding of the stages and sequence of child development
- an introduction to observing children and how it supports development
- an introduction to the influences that affect holistic development
- an introduction to everyday care routines and the types of activities that can support the development of independence an introduction to supporting children through transition.

Assessment

The qualification consists of 3 units:

Unit 1	An introduction to working with children aged 0-5 years	Assessment task (coursework)
Unit 2	Development and well-being 0-5 years	Assessment task (coursework)
Unit 3	Child care and development 0-5 years	External question paper (exam)

CACHE Level 2 Award in Child Development and Care (NQF) (VRQ) will be awarded at grades A* - D. For each of Unit 1 and Unit 2, you will be given 5 assignments. Each assignment covers a Learning Outcome that includes one or more Assessment Tasks. Each Assessment Task is graded at A* - D. Completing each task allows you to obtain points that eventually will be totalled up to give you your end grade. You must pass the exam in order to grade in the qualification.

Future opportunities

Studying child development can help you on your way to a career in the caring professions; child care, social work, paediatric care, midwifery, early learning and primary school services.

When should I take this subject?

Students can take this as a GCSE optional qualification.

Other information

This course is academically demanding as assessment is continuous. You need strong literacy skills as all of the work is written-based including the exam. The exam covers a wide area of knowledge.

Additionally, during the course of the year (September – April) students will carry out work experience placements in lesson time. This will be done on rotation basis (sending 4 students from each class a week to spend approximately 1 ½ hours at The Old School House Nursery (Fulwood, Sheffield). Each student will probably visit the nursery at least twice over the duration of this time. This is a valuable experience and will support the development of student knowledge in relation to coursework assessment and exam application.