



Do you already work in childcare and want to progress in your role, or are you interested in working with young children? Then we have courses for you.....

Is it for me?

These qualifications are suitable for anyone who wants a career in childcare or an introduction to the Teaching Assistant role. You will need to be employed or a volunteer in a nursery, pre school or work as a childminder.

What are the requirements?

- For a Level 1 course you do not need a placement or a job in childcare
- For a Level 2 course you need to be working in an establishment caring for babies and children from 0-5 years. You can be either employed or working on a voluntarily basis for a minimum of 9 hours per week which will be confirmed with your employer / placement.
- For a Level 3 course you must be working within childcare setting for a minimum of 2 full days a week or equivalent ie 12-15 hours a week.
- You will have to complete an assessment to identify your English and maths levels and attend an Initial Assessment meeting with a teacher.
- To register for a Level 1 course you must be working at Functional Skills Level E3 in English
- To register for a Level 2 course you must be working at Functional Skills Level 1 in English
- To register for a Level 3 course you must be working at Functional Skills Level 2 in both English and maths.

Courses offered –

Introduction to Childcare

You will gain an overview of working in a childcare / learning environment. You will look at how to provide for children's physical needs through activities, creativity and music.

Level 1 Award in Caring for Children

This qualification provides an introduction to caring for children and helps develop the skills and knowledge you need to care for children. You will be introduced to a wide range of topics including child development, engaging children through activities and personal development.

Level 2 Certificate for Children and Young People's Workforce

This qualification is for those who work, or are about to work, as a nursery assistant, crèche worker or special educational needs assistant in a supporting role. You want to work with children, but you'll generally work under supervision. Topics covered include understanding child and young person development, communication, safeguarding, health and safety,

assessment and planning. This is a work-based qualification and you will be assessed whilst working with children, young people, their families and colleagues.

Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (EYE)

This two year course is the recognised qualification for learners wanting to work as Early Years Educators in England. Learners on this course will be required to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of early years education and care, including that they can support and promote children's early education and development, plan and provide effective care enabling children to progress, make accurate and productive use of assessment, develop effective and informed practice, safeguard and promote the health, safety and welfare of children, work in partnership with the key person, colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals.

Progression

Introduction to Childcare is an ideal taster to see if working with children is for you, you can then progress onto a Level 1 Award or Level 2 Certificate.

Once you've completed the Level 1 Award, you could advance to the Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce.

Level 2 achievement can help you find work as a Nursery nurse or Childminder and there are opportunities to progress to Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (EYE).

Successful completion of the Level 3 qualification could lead to progression within employment in roles within a variety of early years and childcare settings.

Course Information

How is the qualification delivered and assessed?

During our courses you will build an e-portfolio of work where you will demonstrate your ability and knowledge. We will set up your e-portfolio account and develop your skills in using it effectively.

Timetabled sessions are held during term time and will include workshops, taught sessions, tutorials. Your teacher/assessor will arrange to visit your workplace to observe you in practice. All portfolios **must be completed** by the date agreed with your assessor. The course content will be planned individually to suit the level, experience and working environment.

Day time sessions are held at 2 Dunstable Road, Luton, LU1 1DX (DR), evening sessions are held at Luton Adult Learning, Northwell Drive, Luton LU3 3TL (LM).

Course	Day	Start Date	End Date	No of sessions	Start Time	End Time	Centre	Fee
Introduction to Childcare	Thursday	15/06/17	13/07/17	5	09.30	11.30	LM	£47.00
Level 1 Award in Caring for Children	Friday	22/09/17	20/04/18	23	09.30	11.30	DR	£300.00
Level 2 Certificate for Children and Young People's Workforce	Wednesday	29/11/17	25/04/18	16	09.30	14.30	DR	£830.00
	Thursday	21/09/17	05/07/18	33	09.30	12.30	DR	
Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (EYE) Year 1 (Year 2 dates to be confirmed)	Tuesday (attend every other week)	19/09/17	17/07/18	34	09.30	14.30	DR	£2,882.00
	Thursday	21/09/17	19/07/18	34	17.30	20.30	LM	

Please note: Some learners are entitled to have some or all of their course fees remitted, please contact 01582 490033 for details.

Learners on level 3 courses are able to access 19+ Advanced Learning Loans if they are over 19 years of age before the course start date. Please contact our Administration Team on 01582 490033 for more details and seek financial advice from The Money Advice Service on www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk.

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