

LEVEL 3 APPLIED GENERAL CERTIFICATE FOR EARLY YEARS, CHILDCARE & EDUCATION (FIRST ENTRY, SEPTEMBER 2024)

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English Language.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

The course 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 A Level. Learners will develop their 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
- educational frameworks and how they are applied to optimise positive outcomes for children and young people

Learners will develop practical skills and techniques in:

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

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

- relevant legislation and statutory guidance
- approaches to play and the impact of play on learning, well-being and development.

WHERE WILL THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

This qualification is suitable for a range of learners wishing to work in early years education and care. Students go on to further study at universities such as Liverpool, Chester and Edge Hill studying early year's programs, social work or teaching. Many also progress to careers in nursery work, or health care.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Year 1

Unit 1: The Role of the Early Years, Childcare and Education Practitioner

Unit 2: Human Development From Conception to 19 Years- you will learn about the expected milestones of development.

Unit 3: Key Legislation, Policy and Procedures- you will learn how to ensure that children are safeguarded.

Year 2

Unit 4: Statutory Educational Frameworks- you will learn about the frameworks that exist to support learning and development.

Unit 5: Play and Learning- you will learn about how to orchestrate holistic learning through play.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

- 5 written coursework units, assessed internally and externally moderated.
- 1 controlled assessment, assessed externally based on all 5 units.
- 1 externally assessed short answer examination based on unit 1 and 2.



FURTHER INFORMATION

See Mrs Alkarafi