

# SERVICE INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

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## Childcare

Welcome to the Childcare department!

We offer the following courses for direct entry from school depending on your level and GCSE grades:

- Level 1 Childcare
- Level 2 Childcare
- Level 3 Childcare

### Level 1 Childcare

This qualification encourages an understanding of the knowledge and the skills needed to care for young children, covering children's growth, learning and development. There are also units to help with self-development. This qualification is suitable for you if you are considering a career in caring for children. It can also support you with re-engaging with learning and break down barriers to you entering the childcare workforce. It will be assessed by your tutor using a range of methods. This could include tasks such as designing charts or leaflets, coursework or methods such as oral questioning.

### Which type of job roles can you apply for on completion?

This qualification does not qualify you to work but does support you in preparing for your 'next steps' in either training or moving towards work or an Apprenticeship.

### Level 2 Childcare

This qualification is ideal for learners looking to work with children that range from babies to up to 7 years. Learners do not need to have previous experience or qualifications in working with children to undertake this qualification. All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods. This includes a **mandatory work placement at a local childcare setting** that you will be required to source. Learners will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement to show competence in both knowledge and skills. We recommend learners complete 250 placement hours whilst undertaking this qualification. Placement opportunities must allow for skills application with babies and young children sufficient to meet the assessment criteria for the qualification.

This qualification allows progression onto the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications, an Apprenticeship or related employment such as working under supervision in a variety of roles such as a nursery practitioner, classroom assistant or pre-school practitioner.

### **Level 3 Childcare**

This qualification is suitable for a range of learners either working or wishing to work in early years education and care. The Level 3 Certificate in Childcare and Education prepares learners to progress onto the Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator). The Diploma enables learners to gain the knowledge and experience that will allow them to work with children from birth to 5 years and has UCAS Points for progressing to courses in Higher Education and university.

Completion of this qualification is achieved through a mixture of classroom based learning and experience in a real work environment.

**What could this qualification lead to?** Learners can progress into various supervised job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as practitioner in day nurseries, practitioner in nursery schools, practitioner in reception classes in primary schools, pre-school worker, home based child carer and nanny.

### **Do you need to be working to take this qualification?**

Learners will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement to show competence in both knowledge and skills. We recommend **learners complete 365 placement hours** whilst undertaking this qualification. Placement opportunity must allow for skills application with babies and young children sufficient to meet the assessment criteria for the qualification.

Please see below for additional research links which may be of interest:

#### **Career advice:**

<https://www.cache.org.uk/for-learners/choosing-early-years-as-a-career>

[Video case studies from current practitioners](#)

Early Years Progression Map, click: [here](#).

### **Level 1 Childcare**

<https://www.qualhub.co.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/level-1-diploma-in-caring-for-children-265>

### **Level 2 Childcare**

<https://www.qualhub.co.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/ncfe-cache-level-2-diploma-for-the-early-years-practitioner-4821>

### **Level 3 Childcare**

<https://www.qualhub.co.uk/media/4436/22-l3-c-ce-eye-ps.pdf>

### **Work Submission**

Once you have completed your project, please forward the document (or if you have been working on a project offline eg a sketchbook portfolio please forward a photo of what you have completed) to the following email address along with your full name: [submissions@esc.ac.uk](mailto:submissions@esc.ac.uk). We'll then forward this on to our curriculum teams who will be in touch shortly.