

# Technical Level 3 Diploma Childcare & Education

(3 A level equivalent course)

## Why study CACHE Childcare?

- The Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) enables students to gain the knowledge and experience which will allow them to work with children from birth to 5 years. Upon achievement of the Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education it is intended that learners will be able to access higher education or enter the workforce as Early Years Educators.
- The range of vocational assessments – both practical and written – mean that students can showcase their learning and achievements to the best effect when they take their next step, whether that's supporting applications to higher education courses or potential employers.



## Why study CACHE Childcare at Solihull Sixth Form College?

- Students will have the opportunity through vocational experience to interact with the early years sector, providing the opportunity to experience 750 hours in the early years sector.
- A variety of teaching methods and learning experiences will be used ranging from classroom based activities through to visiting specialist speakers.

### Case Study

Among the recent successful students to have taken this course is **Elizabeth Casson**. She came to the College from Woodrush High School and achieved the highest possible grade of A\*. She has progressed to Newman University in Birmingham to study Primary Teaching and hopes to become an Early Years teacher and a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.



*“What most helped me to achieve my grades was the friendly and supportive learning environment that was created by my teachers. Because of their wealth of knowledge and amazing teaching, I found by the time I needed to write up my assignment I was able to complete them confidently and to the standard both I and the teacher expected.”*  
- student Elizabeth Casson



## Course Outline

There are 14 Mandatory Units which all learners must complete:

- Unit 1: Child development from conception to seven years
- Unit 2: Children's health and well-being
- Unit 3: Providing safe environments for children
- Unit 4: Child health
- Unit 5: Play and learning
- Unit 6: Understanding children's additional needs
- Unit 7: Observation, assessment and planning
- Unit 9: Supporting emergent literacy
- Unit 10: Supporting emergent mathematics
- Unit 11: Preparing for school readiness
- Unit 12: International perspectives
- Unit 13: Reflective practice for professional development
- Unit 14: Professional partnerships in early years
- Unit 16: Professional practice



## Assessment

There is a combination of work placement assessed observations, written assignments, a Professional Practice Portfolio and also pieces of work which are externally set and assessed. Examining Board – CACHE.

## Special Entry Requirements

In addition to the standard BTEC entry requirements – [www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements](http://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements) - a minimum grade 4 in both English Language and Mathematics at GCSE is required. It is an advantage to have achieved at least grade 4 in Science, which is essential if you wish to move into Primary Teaching in the future. A clear DBS 'Disclosure and Barring Service', due to the vocational aspect of the qualification and the requirement to undertake vocational experience is also needed. The cost of the DBS is approximately £60.00 and you are responsible for this payment (details of how to pay will be provided).

## Prohibited Options

None.

## What do our students go on to do?

Upon successful completion of the course there are wide ranges of opportunities available for progression ranging from:

**Teaching Assistant in primary schools:** Supporting teachers and helping children to develop

**Nursery Practitioner:** Working as part of a team to care for and educate children aged between 0-4 years

**Pre-School Practitioner:** Working with children aged 3-4 to prepare them for school

**Nanny:** Working for a family to care for their child in a home environment

**University:** You can choose from a range of degree courses to enable you to move onto career paths such as: primary school teaching, paediatric nursing and social work.

## Coursework & Teaching Methods

For this award the student will be expected to complete a range of assignments linked to the mandatory units. These may be in a variety of formats from essay style through to presentations of research. A variety of teaching methods and learning experiences will be used ranging from classroom-based activities through to visiting specialist speakers and the completion of 750 hours of work experience in vocationally appropriate settings. The settings and amount required is outlined in the table below.

Age Range	Hours		
	Certificate	Diploma	Total
0–1 year 11 months	25	25	50
2–2 years 11 months	130	130	260
3–5 years	170	170	340
Specialised placement such as 5–7 years	40	60	100
Total	365	385	750

## Other Information

Although the course can lead to direct entry into employment within the early years sector, students may wish to progress into Higher Education and go to University. Below is an overview of the points that can be gained according to the grade achieved:

Diploma Grade	Tariff Points
A*	168
A	144
B	120
C	96
D	72

## Examination Results

Outcomes for students on this course are consistently outstanding::

Year	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	A-E%
2019	18	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%
2020	18	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%
2021	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%

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