

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (DCCE-L3)

RESEARCH TASK

For further information regarding candidate entries, submission and results dates, please refer to the 2009/2010 External Assessment Timetable.

This Research Task provides the external assessment for the Level 3 Diploma in Child Care and Education.

- The completed task **MUST** be submitted as a whole and not in separate sections.
- Your completed work should not exceed 5,000 words.
- There is no lower word limit. Work that is more than 10% above the word limit will not be marked. References and quotations within the text are not included in the word limit.

External Assessment

Your task is to:

Present evidence of research in order to support the statement:

“It is important to plan to meet the care and learning needs of all children”

Your work should include:

1. An **introduction** which briefly sets out the aims and objectives of your research.
(You may choose to link this to some previous research you have carried out for another assignment)
2. A **review of literature** and other sources that:
 - Provides a rationale for the identification of the care and learning needs of all children
 - Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of different approaches to planning for children’s care and learning
 - Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of child development theory that supports children’s identified care needs
 - Demonstrates the application of relevant theoretical approaches to play, learning and education to meet children’s identified learning needs
 - Provides evidence of why it is important to establish an environment that meets the care and learning needs of all children
 - Provides references throughout and a detailed bibliography
3. A **conclusion** which provides evidence of:
 - Analysis of the professional skills required when planning for children’s care and learning
 - Analysis of the role of play in children’s learning
 - Analysis of the need for practitioners to plan effectively
 - Evaluation of the importance of planning to meet the care and learning needs of all children

Assignment criteria

No:	In the Research Task you should:	Marks
1	Provide a rationale for the identification of the care and learning needs of all children.	5
2	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of different approaches to planning for children's care and learning.	10
3	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of child development theory that supports children's identified care needs.	10
4	Demonstrate the application of relevant theoretical approaches to play, learning and education to meet children's identified learning needs.	15
5	Provide evidence of why it is important to establish an environment that meets the care and learning needs of all children. Provide references throughout and a detailed bibliography.	15
6	Analyse evidence of the professional skills required when planning for children's care and learning. (This is an extension of criteria 2)	15
7	Analyse the evidence of the role of play in children's learning. (This is an extension of criteria 4)	10
8	Analyse the evidence which supports the need for practitioners to plan effectively.	10
9	Use the evidence from the literature review to evaluate why it is important to plan to meet the care and learning needs of all children. (This is an extension of criteria 8)	10
Total		100

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