



CACHE Level 3 Award in Playwork for Early Years and Child Care Workers

Giving you greater mobility in your career

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Traditionally, Early Years and Playwork have been viewed as two separate camps with very different qualifications. But practitioners working in Early Years are often keen to broaden their knowledge across the Sector. They know that this improves their services to children and gives them greater mobility in their career. With this in mind, CACHE has developed its exciting, new award – the CACHE Level 3 Award in Playwork for Early Years and Child Care Workers.

The course is short and completely in touch with up-to-date thinking. Its stimulating syllabus focuses on the critical differences between the settings. Taking it, also allows you to meet regulatory requirements and reflect on your practice.

You can complete it if:

You are a worker with a recognised Level 3 Early Years qualification

You are at least 16 years old.

Giving children the right to play

Playworkers believe that play happens when a child does what they want and how they want, for their own reasons. They believe that this is crucial for the children's development and survival.

Playworkers support children's natural play and do this by creating spaces where play can happen. They fill these spaces with all kinds of things that enable play to naturally occur. Then they observe .. unobtrusively, intervene ... very occasionally, and reflect on what they have seen and done.

What's involved?

The qualification is made up of two units. You must complete both to achieve the full Certificate.

Unit 1 - The theory and practice of children and young people's play

In this unit, you will explore the theory and practice of children's and young people's play and how to support this. You will:

- demonstrate an understanding of the basic stages of children's development in relation to play

- demonstrate a knowledge of the underpinning theories of play and playwork and their impact in the play setting
- explore ways of supporting the needs and rights of children and young people through consultation and working with them to create diverse and inclusive environments/play settings.

Unit 2 - Aspects of Playwork practice

In this unit, you will gain skills and knowledge of a range of playwork practice issues specific to working with children and young people. You will:

- facilitate and support children and young people's play needs
- develop and promote positive relationships both in and outside the play setting
- facilitate an organisational framework that promotes equality of opportunity, anti-discrimination and diversity
- develop and promote positive relationships both in and outside the play setting.

How long will it take to achieve the Certificate?

It will take 60 hours of your time.

How will I be assessed?

By two assignments - one for each unit.

What can I do after I complete the Certificate?

When you complete the Certificate, you may go on to take:

- CACHE Level 4 Certificate in Managing Quality Standards in Children's Services (CMQS)

Where can I find a course near me?

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