

# CHILDCARE

## Programme overview

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Are you passionate about working with Children?

If you love the idea of working with younger children, a rewarding career in an early year's setting could be for you.

We work closely with various childcare providers and agency partners to provide our learners with an insight into the early years industry.

There are many employment opportunities currently available within the Childcare industry, which include: Nursery Nurse, Early years Practitioner, Nanny, Childminder.

Our popular Childcare programme takes you through progressive steps to achieve practitioner status.

You will gain knowledge and skills you need to help support and care for young children, helping make a positive start to their lives.

Our programme allows learners to start according to their functional skills levels in English and Maths, everyone will complete a BKSB skills assessment during our introduction course and will progress depending on these results.

Our programme starts with:

**Introduction to Childcare** - this short course, inducts learners into The Adult College, providing key information about the college, policies and procedures. We also complete a skills assessment and quick scan assessment, to ascertain any learning support which may be needed. On completion of this course, you will be progressed to your next steps – this will be dependent on results of skills assessment.

**E3 Award in Childcare** – If your skills levels are entry level E1- E2 you will be recommended to progress onto this course. This provides an excellent start on your childcare programme. This course introduces you to details of what working within the childcare industry involves, the types of roles. It also covers communication and development growth of children. It also aims to develop your functional skills in English, Maths and Digital Skills.

**E3 Certificate in Childcare** – If your skills levels are entry level E1 – E2 you will be progressed onto this qualification. This qualification continues your journey into Childcare at a steady pace. This course further develops your knowledge of working within an early year's environment. It covers aspects of Healthy Eating, Health and Safety, Equality, Diversity and inclusivity when working with children. This course also further develops your English, Maths and Digital Skills.

**Level 1 Award in Caring for Children** – If your skills levels are E3-Level 1, you will be recommended to progress onto this course, This qualification is designed to stimulate interest and encourage the learners' understanding of the skills and knowledge needed to care for young children. It builds on the knowledge covered in Entry Level (3) Award/Certificate in Caring for Child / Children. It is aimed at a range of learners, including individuals needing to develop life skills as well as those who are thinking of working in childcare. It is also suitable for parents who wish to develop parenting skills, mature learners with special educational needs, or where English is an additional language. You will continue to develop your digital skills as well as your language and communication skills.

**Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children** – if your skills levels are E3 – Level 1 and have completed Level 1 Award in Caring for children, you will be recommended to progress onto this course. This course further develops your knowledge building upon previously accredited knowledge. Topic covered will include: Communication with Children, Working in Early years setting, Growth and Development of young children, Digital Skills at work and Health and Safety.

**Level 2 Diploma in Caring for Children** – your skills levels need to be at least Level 1 to progress onto this course. This qualification course further develops your knowledge gained at level 1 and develops your knowledge of working with children. This course is knowledge based and enables you to develop the base line knowledge before moving onto applying this knowledge within a work placement. Topics covered include: Safeguarding, Importance and value of play, Childrens development, Using food and nutrition to support development, Craft activities, Accident Prevention, Parenting and Healthy lifestyles, Rights and Responsibilities, Sharing Learning experiences with children and. You will also be encouraged to enrol onto Level 2 English and Maths courses, as you will need these levels in order to progress to Level 3 Diploma.

**Level 3 Diploma in Early years Practitioner** - Your skills level must be at Level 2 or demonstrate you are working towards, by being enrolled onto a Level 2 English course. This is a progression course from Level 2 Diploma in Caring for Children – you must have achieved this qualification before moving onto this certificate qualification course. **You must have a confirmed work placement within a nursery or similar, to progress onto this qualification.** This course further builds on the knowledge gained in the Level 2 Diploma, by developing the practical skills of working within an early year's environment. You will need to have a work placement of a minimum of 8 hours a week to complete the elements of this course. (Usually minimum 2 days a week). Your tutor will need to visit you in your workplace to complete an observation of your practice for you to complete this qualification.

**Level 3 Preparing to work in Home based Childcare** – This is a standalone qualification, you have successfully completed a minimum of Level 2 Diploma in Caring for Children to enrol onto this course, ideally you would have successfully completed Level 3 Diploma in Early years Practitioner. You must hold a functional skills level 2 in English and Maths to progress onto this course or working towards, by demonstrating you have enrolled onto a Level 2 English course. This course provides you with the knowledge to set up your own home-based childcare including the roles and responsibilities associated with this type of work.

#### **Additional courses:**

As part of our Childcare programme, we offer all learners embarking on this programme of study, two enrichment courses for free, this help to further develop your learning within this area.

Examples of additional courses include: Employability, Paediatric First Aid, Working with challenging behaviour with children, Understanding Mental Health in Young people, Understanding four areas of SEND, Food Hygiene and Digital Skills

We also offer additional courses in Digital Skills, to help develop your technical skills within this area to help support your learning and development. We also recommend that throughout your studies you also enrol onto a functional skills course in English and Maths to develop your skills within these subjects. Having low levels in English and Maths, can impede your progression through the levels.

## **What will I study?**

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Depending on your level of qualification course, you will study a wide range of subjects, which will build at each level upon your knowledge and skills.

Typical subjects covered over the course of the programme are:

- Working within an early years setting
- Communication
- Child growth and development through the stages
- Safeguarding
- Importance and value of Play
- Using food and nutrition to support development
- Parenting and healthy lifestyles
- Accident Prevention
- Sharing learning experiences with children
- Roles and responsibilities
- Employability skills
- Digital Skills

## **Assessment method**

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All courses within this programme are qualification courses, meaning you are required to provide evidence to demonstrate your learning.

You will be required to complete a range of activities in order to demonstrate your knowledge and skills, these can include: homework assignments, research, presentations, observation of skills within your workplace.

All evidence is assessed by your Tutor/Assessor who will check against the criteria of the qualification you are completing.

The higher the level of qualification you are embarking on, the more evidence and higher quality of evidence will be required in order to meet the awarding body criteria.

Throughout your course you will receive ongoing IAG (initial advice and guidance) and progression advice.

## **Entry requirements**

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All new learners to the college must complete an Introduction course.

All learners must have evidence of achieving the Functional skills level required for the course they are looking to enrol onto.

Any new learners to the college, who are looking to enrol onto a higher-level course, must produce original qualification certificate at the level below the one they are looking to enrol onto. i.e If you are wanting to enrol onto a level 3 qualification, you must have evidence of having achieved the Level 2 Diploma in Caring for children or similar.

### **What should I bring with me?**

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Everyone should bring with them a Pen, Notebook. For their first lesson. if you are embarking on an online course, you will have to have access to a lap top and an internet connection. All courses delivered at the college, use college computers.

### **Key information**

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Code	Date	Time	Location	Full Price	Concession Price

### **Possible next steps**

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Following the successful completion of this course, you will be supported to enrol on to the most suitable level course for you as per the programme.

Additional courses in other areas are also available, learners are encouraged to check out the college website for further information.

## Contact us

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Our friendly staff can give you further advice and support.



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