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a child psychologist”  
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FOR THE SOCIETY, HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT  
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## LEVEL 1 BTEC AWARD IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

### 1 year full-time, equivalent to 2 GCSEs grade D-G

The Level 1 BTEC Award is a nested component of the Level 1 BTEC Certificate.

This award aims to:

- Provide an introduction to a vocational area
- Offer a flexible and accessible course of study
- Encourage and develop Functional Skills/Personal Skills

### Course Units:

- Starting Work in Health and Social Care
- Developing Skills in Health and Social Care
- Personal Effectiveness
- Images of People

### Assessment:

To be awarded the Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Award in Health and Social Care a student must achieve seven credits. At least four credits must be achieved at Level 1. The remaining credits may be achieved at Entry Level or Level 2. The units covered are all graded at different credit levels depending on the hours required to study that unit.

### To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- An Entry Certificate in Skills for Life or Life Skills
- A standard of Literacy and Numeracy required for Entry Level 3
- GCSEs grade D-G or to have studied to a GCSE level or equivalent
- Related interests or experiences

### Further Opportunities:

- Take another qualification at Level 1 in a different area if appropriate
- Take a qualification at Level 2 in the same or a different area
- Apprenticeships
- Employment and training



## LEVEL 1 BTEC CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

### 1 year full-time, equivalent to 4 GCSEs grade D-G

This certificate aims to:

- Develop knowledge, understanding and skills in a vocational area
- Encourage and develop Functional Skills/Personal Skills

#### Course Units:

- Starting Work in Health and Social Care
- Working in Health and Social Care
- Developing Skills in Health and Social Care
- Local Services
- Images of People
- Looking after Children

#### Assessment:

To be awarded the Edexcel Level 1 BTEC Certificate in Health and Social Care a student must achieve a minimum of thirteen credits. At least eight credits must be achieved at Level 1. The remaining credits may be achieved at Entry Level or Level 2. The units covered are all graded at different credit levels depending on the hours required to study that unit.

#### To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- An Entry Certificate in Skills for Life or Life Skills
- A standard of Literacy and Numeracy required for Entry Level 3
- GCSEs grade D-G or to have studied to a GCSE level or equivalent

#### Further Opportunities:

- Take another qualification at Level 1 in a different area if appropriate
- Take a qualification at Level 2 in the same or a different area
- Foundation/Advanced Apprenticeships
- Employment and training

## CACHE LEVEL 2 AWARD/CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION (CCE)

### 1 year full-time, equivalent to 5 GCSEs at grade C or above

This course will suit you if you wish to start a career working with children. It aims to give you a knowledge and understanding of working with children, under supervision, in a wide range of settings and is suited to both school leavers and mature applicants.

#### Course Units:

The course is made up of the following units:

##### Award:

- An Introduction to Working with Children
- The Developing Child

##### Certificate (including the above units):

- Safe, Healthy and Nurturing Environments for Children
- Children and Play
- Communication and Professional Skills Within Child Care and Education

##### Diploma (including all above units):

- The Child Care Practitioner in the Workplace
- Work with Babies 0-1 Year

For Award, Certificate and Diploma level, practical work experience will be gained – two days per week, working with children in at least two different child care settings.

The course comprises classroom activity, lectures, group work, workshops and individual study.

The course is enhanced by Functional Skills in:

- Information Technology, Communication and Application of Number

#### Assessment:

This will be a mixture of assignments, multiple-choice question papers and portfolios.

#### To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- A minimum of 2 GCSEs at grade D, preferably including English or Mathematics
- Level 1 course in a relevant vocational area – merit grade or above

Mature students without formal qualifications who show commitment to the subject area may join the course following a successful interview.

#### Further Opportunities:

- Progression to BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development if merit grades are obtained
- Enter a career in Child Care and Education



## BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN CHILDREN'S CARE, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### 2 years full-time, equivalent to 3 A Levels

This course is designed to prepare you with a thorough basic knowledge of the Child Care and Education sector. Care for the client, at an early age, is a fundamental concept in the delivery of the course.

Units of study are integrated through assignment work and practical sessions. Guidance will be given, which will allow you to enhance and apply knowledge, develop understanding and practice skills in the Child Care and Education sector. Work experience forms an essential part of the learning programme. This includes most areas within the Child Care and Education sector e.g. nurseries, pre-schools, junior and infant schools, special schools and childminders. Your work placement will cover four age ranges throughout the two years.

### Course Units:

The course will cover sixteen units:

- Positive Relationships for Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Positive Environments for Children's Care, Learning and Development
- Promoting Children's Development
- Reflecting on and Developing Practice for Children aged 0-8
- Safeguarding Children
- Promoting Children's Rights
- Children's Learning Activities and Play
- Research Methodology for Children's Care, Learning and Development

- Promoting Wellbeing and Resilience in Children
- Diet and Nutrition for Children
- Physical Activities for Children
- Supporting Children's Numeracy Skills
- Supporting Children's Literacy Skills
- Environmental Studies for the Early Years Practitioner
- Modern Beliefs and Religions for the Early Years Practitioner
- Meeting Additional Requirements for Children's Care, Learning and Development

The course is enhanced by Functional Skills and qualifications, which include:

- Level 2 BTEC Award in Paediatric First Aid
- Functional Skills: Information Technology at Level 2
- Opportunity to re-sit GCSE Mathematics and/or English if necessary (this will be an evening class provision due to workplace commitments)

The course will also include: assignments, project work, careers/higher education guidance and development of personal and social skills.

### Assessment:

Assessment is continuous with interesting and relevant assignments for every unit studied, except for Professional Practice where a portfolio of evidence of competence is compiled.

### To Join the Course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- 4 GCSEs at grade C or above, preferably including English
- CACHE Certificate/Award/Diploma in Child Care and Education at grade C
- BTEC First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development with overall merit profile

Mature students without formal qualifications who show commitment to the subject area may join the course following a successful interview.

Please note: candidates wishing to progress to teacher training should gain English, Mathematics and Science at GCSE grade C or above.

### Further Opportunities:

Successful completion will result in a Licence to Practice status and a wide variety of options will be open to you. Employment as a Nursery Nurse in a supervisory capacity after relevant experience, Teaching Assistant roles, progression to Foundation Degree in Early Years, Degree Level in Early Childhood Studies or Primary Initial Teaching or related degree courses such as Paediatric Nursing or Midwifery.

