

CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF) England

What does the qualification cover?

This qualification is designed to help learners build the knowledge and skills needed when working with children and young people from birth to 19 years. It covers a diverse range of job roles and occupational areas and is split into three pathways:

- Early Learning and Childcare
- Children's Social Care
- Learning and Development Support Services.

In addition it contains an optional unit 'Understand how to set up a home based child care service' which can be taken as a standalone unit for those who wish to become registered childminders.

It is the only QCF Level 3 qualification conferring occupational competence for the children and young people's workforce in England.

Who is it aimed at?

All those who wish to work, or are working at a un-supervised level in the children and young people's workforce in England.

What are the entry requirements?

Learners should be at least 16 years old. CACHE does not set any other entry requirements but Centres may have their own guidelines.

How many credits are required to complete the qualification?

The Diploma will require 65 credits in total.

How is it assessed?

They will be internally assessed by a range of methods. This could include tasks such as written or pictorial information.

Do learners need to be working to take this qualification?

Learners will need to be working or on practical placement in an environment suitable for the pathway they are taking, as they need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

How long does it take to complete?

Learners can usually complete the Diploma in a year.

What related qualifications can learners progress to?

Foundation Degrees.

Which type of job roles can learners apply for on completion?

Children and Young People Pathway:

- Pre-school worker
- Practitioner in a children's centre
- Practitioner in day nurseries, nursery schools or reception classes in primary schools
- Registered childminders and nannies.

Social Care Pathway:

- Education support workers who visit families of pre-school children in their homes
- Foster carers
- Children and families social workers
- Registered managers of children's homes, plus deputy and assistant managers
- Residential childcare workers
- Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service advisers
- Youth workers.

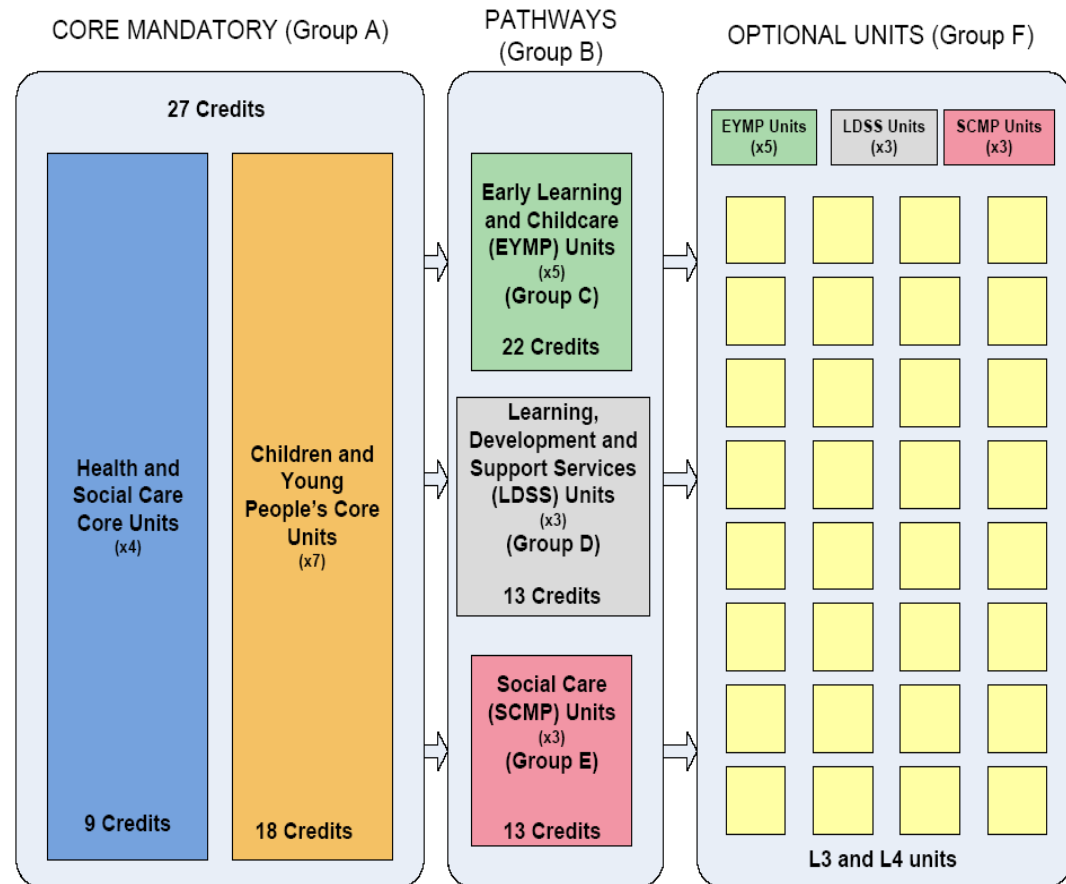
Learning and Development Support Services Pathway:

- Learning mentors

CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Children and Young People's Workforce

KEY FACTS

- Replaces all level 3 early years child care qualifications
- Will cover a diverse range of job roles and occupational areas working in children's workforce setting including early years, social care and foster care
- Covers the age range from birth to 19 years
- Is made up of a mixture of core mandatory units, mandatory pathway units and optional units which are based on a knowledge and skills
- Has three pathways: Early Learning and Child Care Pathway, Social Care Pathway and Learning and Development and Support Services Pathway
- Contains a choice of L4 optional units



Learners must take 27 credits of Core Mandatory units.
The remaining credits will be made up of a combination of Pathway and Optional units to reach a total of 65 credits