

Childcare & Early Years



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Introduction to the course

Cambridge Level 2 Technical in Health and Social Care is aimed at students who would like to work in any area of health, social care or early years.

The Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare & Education (Early Years Educator) qualification enables you to gain the knowledge and experience to work with children from birth to five years, with knowledge of five to seven year olds.

Entry criteria

Level 2: You will require a minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3/D or above, across a range of subjects including English Language

Level 3: You will require a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above, across a range of subjects, one of which must be English Language*

Progression opportunities

Upon achieving the qualification at Level 2, you will then be able to progress onto the Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE) Early Years Educator or into the workplace.

Upon achievement of the Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) it is intended that you will be able to access Higher Education or enter the workforce as early years educators. Types of work settings include day nurseries, pre-schools and crèches. For students with some years of pre-school experience, work as a learning support assistant is possible.

Course outline

The Cambridge Level 2 Technical in Health and Social Care

Core Units covered:

- Working in a Person-Centred Way
- Safeguarding

Health and Social Care pathway:

- Working in Adult Health and Social Care Environments
- Working with Individuals in Adult Health and Social Care Environments

Early Years pathway:

- Working in Childcare Environments
- Working with Children in Childcare Environments

Externally marked units (examinations):

- Principles of Working in Health, Social Care and Childcare
- Health and Safety in Practice

* Most universities require five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language

Students who successfully complete all elements of their programme at Level 1, Level 1 to Level 2, and from Level 2 to Level 3.



Assessment method

Level 2: A variety of different assessment methods including; exams, leaflets, posters, role play, witness testimonies, observation by tutor, PowerPoint presentation and work books.

Level 3: Written assignments for each mandatory unit (including one professional practice portfolio and two externally set and marked assignments), direct observation in the real work environment, plus 750 placement hours.

Course duration

Level 2: One year, full time

Level 3: Two years, full time

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The Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (EYE) Early Years Educator units include:

- Child development
- Health and wellbeing
- Safe environments
- Child health
- Play and learning
- Additional needs
- Observation and assessment
- Emergent literacy
- Emergent mathematics
- Preparing for school readiness
- International perspectives
- Reflective practice
- Professional partnerships
- One professional practice unit over two years which links to placements

Each unit has an assignment and most have some assessment related to practical placement.

Learners must also complete a reflective study and one extended essay (externally set, externally marked).

Two days a week are spent in real work environment placements so that a range of ages and settings are experienced. Staff arrange the placements for you.

The course is graded from D to A*.

English and maths, as well as a Level 3 qualification.

College will be able to progress onto the next level, eg from Access to

Additional learning support

As part of your learning programme, if you have not yet attained a grade C/4 or equivalent in mathematics and English language, you will be required to study a Functional Skill or GCSE in these subjects.

Students may require additional support for a number of reasons. At the start of your course you will be asked to complete an initial assessment in order for us to identify any additional needs that you may have. During your course, your personal tutor will be able to guide you on how best to access support.

We can offer the following:

- Progress Coaches
- Learner Support assistance (1:1)
- Learner Support assistance (group)
- Learner Support assistance (drop-ins)
- Specialist ESOL teaching
- Study lab sessions
- In-class support
- Special arrangements for exams

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NB: Course information correct at time of print.

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