
Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce – Social Care Pathway

The Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (England) (QCF) requires experience in a real work environment and so can only be undertaken by learners aged 16 years and older. There is no upper age limit; however, the learner must be able to achieve all of the assessment criteria.

This qualification is only appropriate for those learners who work with Children and Young People in a Social Care environment (i.e. Foster Carer's). For those learners working in early years, the Early Years Educator is the route to undertake.

Aims and objectives:

This qualification aims to provide the learner with detailed knowledge and understanding of working with children within the social care environment.

Specific job roles may include:

- Portage workers - education support workers who visit families of pre-school children in their homes
- Foster carers - including private foster carers
- Children and families social workers
- Registered managers of children's homes, plus deputy and assistant managers
- All residential childcare workers
- Family centre and day centre workers
- Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS) family court advisers
- Support workers
- Youth workers
- Professional assistants
- Family centre workers
- Community care officers

Units:

This is a 65 credit qualification consisting of the following units:

- **SHC 31** - Promote communication in health, social care or children's and young people's settings
- **SHC 32** - Engage in personal development in health, social care and children and young people's settings
- **SHC 33** - Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care and children and young people's settings

- **SHC 34** - Principles for implementing duty of care in health, social care and children and young people's settings
- **CYP Core 3.1**- Understand child and young person development
- **CYP Core 3.2** - Promote child and young person development
- **CYP Core 3.3** - Understand how to safeguard the well being of children and young people
- **CYP Core 3.4** - Support children and young people's health and safety
- **CYP Core 3.5** - Develop positive relationships with children, young people and others involved in their care
- **CYP Core 3.6** - Working together for the benefit of children and young people
- **CYP Core 3.7** - Understand how to support positive outcomes for children and young people

Foster Care Units

- **FC1** - Understand the context of supporting children and young people through foster care
- **FC2** - Practise as a foster carer
- **FC3** - Support positive attachments for children and young people

Pathway Units

- **SCMP 1** - Assessment and planning with children and young people
- **SCMP 2** - Promote the well being and resilience of children and young people
- **SCMP 3** - Professional practice in children and young people's social care

This Qualification consists of the following:

- A QCF qualification in Children and Young People's Workforce Level 3 – Social Care Pathway, mandatory and optional units
- An Employment Rights and Responsibilities workbook (ERR)
- Functional Skills in Maths at Level 2, which consists of an online test (unless you can provide a valid GCSE or previous achievement for exemption)
- Functional Skills in English at Level 2, which consists of 2 online tests and observation of speaking & listening (unless you can provide a valid GCSE or previous achievement for exemption)
- Functional Skills in ICT at Level 2, which consists of a test (unless you can provide a valid GCSE or previous achievement for exemption)
- PLTS: Personal Learning & Thinking Skills

How long will it take to complete?

It usually takes 15 months to complete the qualification however it may take less time if valid Functional Skills exemptions are presented.

How is it delivered?

You will be allocated a qualified Training Advisor to support the full completion of your qualification. They will visit you at least once every 4 weeks in the workplace to conduct assessments which will be planned in advance with you and your manager. They will manage your portfolio of evidence using our paper or online electronic system and give you regular updates about progress. You can contact your Training Advisor in between visits to discuss any aspect of your qualification and will be able to access your portfolio 24/7.

Assessment methods used could include:

- Interpretation of knowledge from direct observation of practice in the workplace
- Witness evidence
- Professional discussion
- Reflection on own practice in real work situations
- Written assignments
- Learner's own plans and written records
- Learner log or reflective diary
- Observation of children, young people or adults by the learner
- Portfolio of evidence

Progression opportunities:

- Level 3 Diploma in Customer Service
- Level 2 Diploma in Team leading
- Level 3 Diploma in Management
- Level 4 Diploma in Management