

# Childcare

The following courses in Childcare show you how you may progress from one level to another to achieve your goal of working with children and then maybe on to Higher Education if you wish to do so.



"I would highly recommend Dunstable College. The teachers are very welcoming and helpful. My course in Childcare is very interesting, I really enjoy studying on it and feel like I will be able to achieve what I need to in the future."

Holly Moore  
Cache Foundation  
Level 1 Student

## 23101 07 CACHE Foundation in Caring for Children

Level 1

This is a one-year course which provides an introduction to working with children. It provides the opportunity for you to develop basic skills in caring for children which you can use as a basis for further training in childcare. Practical work placements in childcare settings are a recommended part of the course.

**Course Duration**  
One year

**Course Content**  
A range of subjects including:

- Personal Development
- Human Growth and Development

- Food and Nutrition
- Health and Safety
- Care of Children
- Play and Practical Activities
- Preparation for Employment.

**Key Skills**  
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

**Qualifications/experience needed to join the course**  
A GCSE English at Grade C or above is desirable.

Candidates need to demonstrate a strong interest in working with children. All candidates will be interviewed by child care teaching staff and positive references will be required. Ideally, candidates should have some experience of working with children.

**Study Centre**  
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable

**After the course is finished**  
This childcare qualification could lead to further study on the CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Childcare and Education.

## 23102 07 CACHE Certificate in Childcare and Education

Level 2

This is a one-year course for anyone wishing to work with young children. There are a number of units, each one covering the practice and theory of a particular area of childcare and education.

**Course Duration**  
One year

**Course Content**  
A range of subjects including:

- The Physical Care and Development of the Child
- Working with Young Children
- Emotional and Social Development

- Practical Training in the Workplace
- Preparing for Employment.

**Key Skills**  
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology.

**Qualifications/experience needed to join the course**  
A GCSE Grade C or above is desirable or the Foundation Award in Caring for Children. An interest in and experience of children are also required.

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**After the course is finished**  
A student may progress on to the CACHE Level 3 Diploma, or can start working with children as a nursery assistant, pre-school assistant, playgroup assistant, homestart worker.

## 23103 07 CACHE Diploma in Childcare and Education

Level 3

This is a two-year modular training course for anyone wishing to work with young children. You will learn about children at different stages in their growth and development. You will also learn how to care for and educate children and how to work with parents. Practical work placements in real work settings are an integral part of the course and form an important part of the assessment scheme.

**Course Duration**  
Two years

**Course Content**

- Observation and Assessment
- Work with Children
- Foundations to Caring
- The Developing Child

- Health and Community Care
- Play
- Curriculum and Early Learning
- Work with Babies in the First Year of Life
- Preparation for Employment
- The Provision of Services and the Protection of Children
- Anti-Discriminatory/Anti-bias Practice
- Working with Parents.

**Key Skills**  
All students aged 16-18 are required to complete the three Key Skills Units in Communication, Application of Number and Information Technology and also be required to undertake a Basic Food Hygiene Certificate and a First Aid Certificate.

**Qualifications/experience needed to join the course**

Applicants will need 4 GCSEs including English at Grade C or above. All applicants will be interviewed and will need to show a strong desire to work with children, the ability to cope with coursework, communication skills and a commitment to Equal Opportunities Practice.

**Study Centre**  
Main Site, Kingsway, Dunstable

**After the course is finished**  
The course leads to a nationally and internationally recognised qualification for employment purposes in various settings such as Education, Health Service, Social Services and the Private Sector.