



# Love CARE

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BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Care,  
Learning & Development

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## 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.

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.

### 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:

- 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 Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development or Level 3 Advanced Diploma in Society, Health and Development if C grades are obtained
- Enter a career in Child Care and Education



## Society, Health and Development Level 3 Advanced Diploma

### 2 years full-time, equivalent to 3½ A Levels

The Society, Health and Development sector accounts for 15% of the entire UK workforce. It includes the NHS, one of the world's largest employers, as well as many other jobs and careers. These include: the children's workforce (teachers, youth workers and nursery nurses), the Community Justice sector (community support officers, probation officers and youth offending teams), and adult social care (social workers and domiciliary care workers).

The Advanced Diploma in Society, Health & Development has been designed to introduce young people to this huge and diverse sector, and to help them understand and develop the skills needed to succeed within it.

People working in this sector are often dealing with some of the most vulnerable members of society and this Diploma will introduce the principles and values which underpin the different jobs. It shows how the services fit together and will teach you the importance of putting the individual at the centre of these services.

The course will also involve the completion of:

- Work experience (minimum of twenty days)
- Functional Skills (English, ICT and Mathematics)
- Personal learning and thinking skills
- An extended project
- Additional and specialist learning (an A Level or relevant BTEC Level 3 qualification)

### Assessment:

Assessment is continuous. Two units will be assessed through externally set papers based around case studies and the remainder are assessed through relevant assignments.

### To join the course:

You will normally need at least one of the following:

- 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and Mathematics
- Higher Diploma in Society, Health & Development
- CACHE Diploma in Child Care & Education at grade C and English and Mathematics GCSE at grade C
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development with overall merit profile and English and Mathematics GCSE at grade C

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

### Further opportunities:

The Advanced Diploma will give you the skills to progress to a university Degree in Teaching, Community Justice, Dietetics, Nursing, Childhood Studies, Applied Criminology or Forensic Investigation. Or it could be the pathway to a career in Play Work, Victim Support, the Probation Service or Health Care.



## BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development

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

This course is designed to give you 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.

Your course is enhanced by functional skills and qualifications, which include:

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

Your 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 Reflecting on & Developing Practice for Children aged 0-8 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 Level 2 Diploma in Child Care & Education at grade C or above
- BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Children's Care, Learning & Development with an overall merit profile, plus GCSE English Language at grade C or above

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.

