

The CACHE Diploma course is a three 'A' Level. It can provide 420 UCAS points equivalent to three 'A*' grades in traditional GCE courses. It develops the knowledge, skills and experience to enable students to work in a child care setting. The course is a Level 3 qualification and is listed on the QCA framework of Nationally Accredited Qualifications. This course is widely accepted by red brick and metropolitan universities to study a range of subjects at degree level. Childhood Studies develops the knowledge, skills and experience to enable students to work in a child care setting.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You will need to have a level 5 in GCSE English Language as there is much written work to complete. A grade B in Child Development GCSE is desirable, but we will take students who have not taken Child Development GCSE.

What will I learn on this course?

Practical and theoretical skills on how babies and children learn and develop. This will include much child psychology and you will have the opportunity to put this knowledge into practice by working in a range of different placements two days per week.

The following units will be covered: - Observation and assessment - Supporting young children - The developing child from conception to 7 years - Promoting a healthy environment - Play, curriculum and early children's learning - The role of the early years practitioner - Keeping children safe - Anti-discriminatory/anti bias practice - The development of professional skills with children's education - Care of sick children - Nutrition & healthy food for children - Developing children's communication, language & literacy skills Students spend two days per week in a minimum of three placements with 0 - 8 year olds. Students will be taught each unit by a variety of experienced staff and will learn to deal with pressure, meet deadlines and work within a team environment.

Who is suitable for this course?

We have taught this subject to both boys and girls who have an interest in a child's development and psychology. It is not necessary to want to study children further at university, as this course serves as a gateway to many other degree subjects.

What could I do with a qualification in this subject?

Previous students have gone on to study: Childhood Studies and Education, Psychology, Nursery Teaching, Teacher Training, Speech Therapy, Youth Studies, Forensic Science, Social Work, Criminology, Media and Culture, Occupational Therapy among others. Our students have proceeded to many varied institutions of Higher Education, including 'Red Brick' universities.

The three most commonly asked questions about this course are:

Can I take another 'A' Level subject with this?

No, it is equivalent to 3 'A' Levels already.

Is the course easier as it only has one exam?

No, there is much pressure, with many deadlines to be met, and a high standard to reach for good grades.

Can I go to University?

Yes, many CACHE students go on to good universities achieving high degree qualifications in a range of subjects.

Specific Course Requirements:

This course is appropriate for students with a good general education and 6 GCSEs C grade or above including English Language. A grade B or above in GCSE Child Development is preferable. Enrolment will be subject to a satisfactory Police report to comply with The Children’s Act.

Course Content:

A total of 14 units are taught:

Unit 1: Child development from conception to seven years

Unit 2: Children’s health and well-being

Unit 3: Providing safe environments for children

Unit 4: Child health

Unit 5: Play and learning

Unit 6: Understanding children’s additional needs

Unit 7: Observation, assessment and planning

Unit 9: Supporting emergent literacy

Unit 10: Supporting emergent mathematics

Unit 11: Preparing for school readiness

Unit 12: International perspectives

Unit 13: Reflective practice for professional development

Unit 14: Professional partnerships in early years

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Assessment:

The course is assessed by the successful completion of set assignments for each unit, two externally set & marked controlled assessment tasks completed in school under exam conditions, and assessment of practical competence will take place in the work placement.

Each of the 16 units has a specific submission date. Each of these marks goes towards your 3 ‘A’ Level grades.

Students follow the CACHE syllabus. Successful students are awarded the Diploma in Childcare and Education Studies. This is equivalent to three ‘A’ Levels.

Sixth Form			
YG	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Y12 Level 3 CACHE Child care and Education (3 ‘A’ Levels)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conception to 7 years - Children’s health and well being - Safer environments for children - Play and learning - Observation, assessment and planning - Professional practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children’s well being - Conception to 7 years - Observation, assessment and planning - Professional practice - Child health - Play & learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conception to 7 years - Observation, assessment and planning - Professional practice - Play and learning

<p style="text-align: center;">Y13 CACHE Child care and Education (3 'A' Levels)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting emergent literacy - Supporting emergent Mathematics - Preparing for school readiness - Reflective practice for professional development - Professional partnerships in early years - Understanding children's additional needs - Professional practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting emergent literacy - Supporting emergent Mathematics - Preparing for school readiness - International perspectives - Extended practice study - Professional partnerships in early years - Professional practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparing for school readiness - International perspectives - Extended practice study - Professional partnerships in early years - Professional practice
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