

## Statement of Purpose

### 500/6139/2 – Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children

#### Who is this qualification for?

This level 1 Certificate is aimed at students over the age of 14 working at this level who want to develop the knowledge and skills needed to progress to further study and ultimately to employment in Child Care or in another vocational sector. It has a credit value of 13 and provides an introduction to the child care sector, enabling students to acquire and apply their knowledge and skills in a range of contexts.

#### What will the student study as part of this qualification?

All the content of the qualification relates directly to the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to support students in progressing to further study in the child care or related sector.

Students choose 13 credits from a choice of 24 units. The units include; creative and physical activities, keeping children safe, planning to meet children's needs and valuing children as individuals.

There is also an opportunity for students to explore working in a team and carrying out a project. The choice of units available enables the precise nature of the qualification to be tailored to meet the interests and progression aspirations of individual groups of students.

#### What knowledge and skills will the student develop as part of this qualification and how might these be of use and value in further studies?

By developing the sector knowledge and skills outlined above, students will be well prepared for progression to a level 2 vocational qualification.

Students will begin to understand the values and principles that underpin the childcare sector, such as empathy and respect for children as individuals. These personal skills will enable learners to develop these in preparation for future learning.

The portfolio-based approach to assessment will also support the development of communication skills such as extended writing and drafting, analysis, team-working, working from a prescribed brief, working to deadlines, presenting information effectively, accurately completing tasks and processes and study skills such as research and time management. These skills will help support progression to level 2 and any future chosen course.

#### Is this qualification available in an apprenticeship?

This is a level 1 qualification and is not available as part of an apprenticeship.

#### What are the qualification outcomes?

The primary outcome of this qualification is to support progression to the next level of learning by introducing the student to the range of activities associated in working in a child care setting. In addition the practical nature of the qualification will suit students who are returning or re-engaging with learning and need to consolidate their learning, social and employability skills before considering entering work. The choice of units will reflect each individual student's needs.

### **What higher level learning will this qualification lead to?**

Students who complete this qualification may progress to level 2 child care or health and social care qualifications.

Specific Pearson Qualifications available at level 2 are listed below:

Food Safety in Health and Social Care and Early Years and Childcare Settings (L2)

Playwork (L2)

Promoting Food Safety and Nutrition in Health and Social Care or Early Years and Childcare Settings (L2)

Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce (L2)

Children's care learning and development

Children's Play, Learning and Development (2013) NQF

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award/Certificate/Diploma in Health and Social Care

### **Further information is available on our website**

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/subjects/child-development-and-well-being.html>

### **Why choose the Certificate sized qualification?**

**The BTEC Level 1 Certificate** in Caring for Children provides a broad coverage of the sector at this level and is appropriate for students who have a definite interest in working in the sector following further study. By studying the certificate, students will secure a foundation of knowledge and skills in preparation for higher level learning.

Pearson offers both the Award and Diploma sized qualifications in Caring for Children for students who wish to study less or more content according to their learning needs and the make-up of their wider learning programme, the Award for example provides a brief introduction to the sector, whereas the Diploma provides more in-depth opportunities to explore the sector. The Diploma is for those students with a clear intention of progressing into employment in the sector. Whereas the Certificate and Award allow for study of additional subjects for those students who may want to have a more mixed programme giving them experience of more than one sector ahead of choosing one for further study or training.

The Diploma is significantly larger in size (37 Credits) than the Certificate (13 credits) and the Award (7 Credits). The different sizes will determine the depth and breadth of sector knowledge and skills covered. The Certificate may be studied alongside other qualifications such as Health and Social care, providing students with a broader insight into the care sector. Students should consider the appropriate sized qualification according to their learning needs and their intended progression destination.

Pearson offers an alternative range of qualifications for students wishing to gain a broader introduction to the care sector. These qualifications offer more work-related content that may lead to specific job roles:

600/2418/5 Pearson BTEC Level 1 Award in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)

600/2419/7 Pearson BTEC Level 1 Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings (QCF)

### **Who supports this qualification?**

This qualification is supported by Pearson centres including:

- Shipley College
- Bexley College
- Accrington and Rossendale College

### **Further Information**

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-entry-level-and-level-1/caring-for-children-l1.html#tab-1>