

Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce (QCF)**Qualification Number: 500/9504/3****What is the purpose of this qualification?**

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce is a recognised qualification for those wishing to enter the Children and Young People's Workforce in England. It is intended to guide and assess development of knowledge and skills relating to early learning and childcare, social care and the learning development and support services workforces. The qualification confirms competence in these areas where appropriate and serves as the required qualification (for all new practitioners) for registration and regulatory requirements in the sector. This qualification requires the learner to spend time in **a real work environment**.

This qualification is based National Occupational Standards as defined by Skills for Care and Development, the Sector Skills Council. It is nationally accredited on the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

Skills for Care and Development recognise this qualification as the combined knowledge and competence component for the Advanced Apprenticeships for the Children and Young People's Workforce (England).

What does this qualification cover?

The qualification comprises of 65 credits and has a minimum of 442 guided learning hours.

All the content of this qualification relates directly to the competence needed to work in the Children and Young People's Workforce.

Learners will complete nine mandatory units in the following subjects:

- Principles of Safeguarding and Protection in Health and Social Care
- Understand the Role of the Social Care Worker
- Principles of Communication in Adult Social Care Settings
- Principles of Personal Development in Adult Social Care Settings
- Principles of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion in Adult Social Care settings
- Principles for Implementing Duty of Care in Health, Social Care or Children's and Young People's Settings
- Understand Person-centred Approaches in Adult Social Care Settings
- Understand Health and Safety in Social Care Settings
- Understand how to Handle Information in Social Care Settings

How is the qualification assessed?

Learners will undertake assessments devised by their centres. Onscreen multiple choice tests devised by Pearson are also available for some of the units.

Who could take this qualification?

This qualification is for all learners aged 16 and above who are capable of reaching the required standards. It is suitable for different types of learners, including those in full-time formal learning, those in part-time formal learning and those in full-time employment

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce is approved to be offered in England only.

This qualification offers an engaging programme for learners who have decided that they are going to begin a career in the Children and Young People's Workforce sector. They may wish to extend their programme through the study of a related GCSE, a complementary NVQ, apprenticeship or other related vocational or personal and social development qualification.

For adult learners, this qualification can extend knowledge and understanding of work in a particular part of the Children and Young People's Workforce sector. It is suitable for those wishing to change career or move into a particular area of employment following a career break.

Although this qualification is part of the Advanced Apprenticeships in Children and Young People's Workforce, some learners may need or wish to take the qualification on its own, for example, learners who work on a part-time or voluntary basis.

What are the potential job roles for those working towards this qualification?

- Care worker
- Careers adviser
- Children's centre worker
- Connexions personal adviser
- Education welfare officer
- Foster carer
- Healthcare assistant
- Learning mentor
- Nursery nurse
- Nursery school teacher
- Registered child minder
- Registered nanny
- Residential childcare worker
- Youth and community worker.

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners who achieve the Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce can progress on to employment in Children and Young People's Workforce in the various pathways available:

They could also progress to related vocational qualifications, for example:

- Pearson Edexcel level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Advanced Practice) 501/2250/2
- Pearson Edexcel level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development (Management) 501/2251/4
- Pearson BTEC Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management for Residential Childcare (England) 601/5401/9

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is highly valued and supported by the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY)