

Qualification

**Level 3 Diploma for
Working in the Early
Years Sector
(Early Years Educator)
(610/4164/6)**





Course Description

The **Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)** is a professional qualification designed to prepare learners with the knowledge, skills, and behaviours required to work competently as an Early Years Educator within regulated early years settings.

This qualification provides in-depth learning across child development, safeguarding, health and wellbeing, communication, inclusion, curriculum planning, assessment, and partnership working. It is aligned with the Department for Education Early Years Educator (EYE) criteria and supports learners to meet occupational standards required for practice in early years provision. Successful completion enables progression into employment, higher education, or further professional development within the early years sector.

Course Structure

The **Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)** consists of **10 mandatory units**, combining theoretical learning with practical workplace assessment:

UNIT 01 Introduction to the Role of the Early Years Educator

UNIT 02 Holistic Child Development

UNIT 03 Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

UNIT 04 Effective Communication in an Early Years Setting

UNIT 05 Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements

UNIT 06 Health, Wellbeing and Safety

UNIT 07 Promoting an Effective Early Years Curriculum

UNIT 08 Assessment of Children's Learning and Development

UNIT 09 Understanding Play for Learning and Holistic Development

UNIT 10 Partnership Working



How We Support You – Our Support and Delivery Model

Our courses are designed to be accessible, supportive, and suitable for learners at all levels. All learning materials are written in clear, straightforward language to help learners build understanding and confidence.

Courses are delivered entirely through **self-paced distance learning** via our online platform, enabling learners to study flexibly alongside work, education, or personal commitments.

Learners have continuous access to tutor support throughout their course. Tutors can be contacted via the VLE or email, with responses typically provided within 24 to 48 hours.

Additional **on-demand support sessions** may be arranged where required. Regular **live webinars** are also offered, subject to tutor availability, providing opportunities for engagement, questions, and reinforcement of learning.

Assessment Process

Assessment is completed through:

Written assignments

Workplace observations

There are **no formal examinations**. Assessment focuses on demonstrating understanding, awareness, and the ability to apply knowledge appropriately.

Course Duration

The course offers **864 Guided Learning Hours (GLH)** and is delivered through flexible, self-paced learning. It can typically be completed within approximately **10 months**, depending on the learner's own pace. Course access expires after one year, and a re-enrolment charge is applicable.



Our Process

01.

Choose & Pay for Your Course Online

Select your desired course and payment method online. Opt for either full payment or convenient monthly instalments where available. Complete your payment after filling out the application form.

02.

Fill Out the Enrolment Form

After payment, you will be prompted to complete the enrolment form. This form gathers all necessary details required for your registration with the awarding organisation.

03.

Access the VLE – Moodle

Start your course on our user-friendly Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). Here, you will find all learning materials, resources, and guidance required to support your studies. Your dedicated tutor will guide you through the process and provide feedback throughout your learning journey.

04.

Submit Assignments & Receive Feedback

Engage in the learning process by submitting assignments through the VLE. Your assigned tutor will provide constructive feedback to help you refine your work and make progress in your studies.

05.

Successfully Complete Assignments

Work diligently to complete all required course components and assessment tasks. Your commitment and effort will contribute to successful course completion.

06.

Obtain Your Accredited Certificate

Upon successfully completing the course, your work will undergo internal quality assurance and external verification. Once approved, you will receive an Ofqual-regulated accredited certificate recognising your achievement.



Course Brochure Takeaways

A nationally
recognised Level 3
Early Years
Educator
qualification

Meets DfE Early
Years Educator
criteria

Blended learning
with mandatory
work-based
placement

Observation-
based and
assignment
assessment
(no exams)

Strong
progression into
employment,
higher education,
or leadership
pathways

Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Years Sector (Early Years Educator)

Apply Now