NCFE CACHE Level 4 Certificate for the

# Early Years Advanced Practitioner

## Qualification facts

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# About this qualification

The NCFE CACHE Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner aims to provide professional development opportunities for practitioners working in the early years workforce at Level 3. This qualification will embrace the wealth of experience of the Level 3 early years workforce, and challenge learners in both their daily practice and theoretical understanding.

Upon achievement of the qualification, learners will be equipped as an advanced practitioner. The advanced practitioner will use crucial leadership skills to mentor others across all roles and responsibilities in the early years workforce.

The qualification covers a range of early years topics at Level 4, including enabling children to learn, working with families and other professionals and implementing change, as well as specialist areas such as physical activity and nutrition and special educational needs.

Learners will acquire and use skills of leadership, mentoring, coaching and reflection as they complete the qualification through work-based learning opportunities.

## Entry requirements

Learners must be at least 18 years old and hold a full Level 3 early years / childcare qualification. We do not set any other entry requirements but colleges or training providers may have their own guidelines.

## Experience in the workplace

Learners are required to be employed in an early years setting at Level 3 to complete this qualification.

## Qualification structure

Learners must achieve:

- 5 mandatory units
- Total Qualification Time: 196 hours
- Total Guided Learning Hours: 136

| Unit ref no. | Title | Unit type | Level | GLH | NGLH |
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| H/508/0928 | Enabling children to learn | Knowledge/ Skills | 4 | 30 | 10 |
| K/508/0929 | Promoting health and well-being through physical activity and nutrition co-ordination (PANCo) in the early years | Knowledge/ Skills | 4 | 29 | 10 |
| D/508/0930 | Working with others to support children with additional needs, including Special Educational Needs and Disability | Knowledge/ Skills | 4 | 27 | 15 |
| H/508/0931 | Working with families and other professionals in early years settings | Knowledge/ Skills | 4 | 22 | 10 |
| K/508/0932 | Implementing change in an early years setting incorporating a small scale research project | Knowledge/ Skills | 4 | 28 | 15 |

## Assessment

This qualification will be assessed using a portfolio of evidence.

## Progression

This qualification provides progression to a Level 5 qualification such as the Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services (England). It will also prepare learners for further study of early years in higher education.

## For more information

Full details of this qualification can be found on our website, www.cache.org.uk or our secure Centre website cachezone.

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CACHE was established in 1945 by the Ministry of Health under the name of the National Nursery Examination Board (NNEB). The board set the syllabus for the first national examination which took place in 1947. In 1994 the NNEB merged with the Council for Early Years Awards to form CACHE. In 2001 we incorporated the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare and in 2015 we became part of NCFE. Over the years we have continually invested in high quality qualifications. Written and developed by experts, they have helped millions of learners across the world to raise professional standards, earning us a reputation for excellence and leadership across the sector. Our continued dedication to those who care for children, young people and adults means that our qualifications will continue to meet the needs of a modern workforce.

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