

# Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)

Date: 14/9/2021 – 24/05/2022

Day: Tuesday

Time: 6pm - 9pm

## Course Information

The aim of this qualification is to prepare learners to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children up to 7 years. Upon achievement of this qualification it is intended that with this license to practice, learners will be able to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators.

### Entry criteria:

Although there are no specific entry requirements for this course it should be noted that GCSE English and maths A-C/4-9 (or accepted equivalent) is required to count in the staff to child ratios at Level 3 in childcare settings. You will need 350 placement hours across 3 age ranges and will need the support of a professional within that work environment. This is approximately 12 hours per week. Students should have placements established in preparation for this course. You will need to be working in an Early Years Setting.

## How will I be assessed?

Evidence for the 23 mandatory units required to pass will be provided in the form of a portfolio of your work, and also through competence based assessment carried out in your workplace by a qualified assessor who will offer you support and guidance. There is no formal exam. You will be required to attend one 3 hour teaching session in college per week for 30 weeks to gain the knowledge and understanding necessary to complete your portfolio.

## How will I be taught?

Teaching will be teacher led and classroom based. It is fairly formal but with an emphasis on building on your prior knowledge. Delivery includes:

- Tutor-led sessions
- Tutorials and discussions
- Individual, paired and group tasks

## How much home study will I have to do?

You will need to undertake independent study for approximately 4 hours per week.

## How much does the course cost?

### Advanced Learner Loan

The course fees are £2882 with a £139 registration fee. Loans will need to be repaid but repayments will not start until you earn more than £25,725 per year. Loans are not income dependent and there are no credit checks. For more information you can visit [www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loans](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loans). All students will pay the exam fee. The exam fee must be paid prior to enrolment. **Under 24** – The Skills Funding Agency guidelines state that depending on your previous qualifications you may be entitled to have your fees waived on this course.

## Additional costs

£10 non-refundable administration fee which provides you with a student ID badge & £11 print credit to use in college. Your teacher will advise you what text book to purchase at the first class. Please bring a writing pad and pen/pencil.

## Parking

Parking during the college day is limited, there is plenty of free parking in the surrounding roads if you are unable to park onsite. For evening courses we recommend you use our White's Rd entrance SO19 7NS and enter via the sports centre reception after your first day. On your first day please come to the main college reception we will be here to greet you and show you where to go.

## Expectations

We expect you to aim for 100% attendance and attendance is recorded for every timetabled session. Students are automatically withdrawn if they have not attended for 4 consecutive weeks. If a student's attendance falls below 80% their place on the course and their exam entry will be at risk. We place considerable emphasis on excellent attendance and punctuality and ask you to respect and adhere to these values to ensure academic success. Any health concerns will be treated sympathetically and if necessary we will consider implementing the college's Fitness to Study Policy.

To enrol please apply via our website [www.itchen.ac.uk](http://www.itchen.ac.uk)

If you have any questions or require further information please contact the

Adult Education team on 02380 446156 or email [acet@itchen.ac.uk](mailto:acet@itchen.ac.uk)