

# **CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

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## CACHE DIPLOMA IN CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION STUDIES

The CACHE Diploma course is a three 'A' Level equivalent. It can provide 420 UCAS points equivalent to three 'A\*' grades in traditional GCE courses. It develops the knowledge, skills and experience to enable students to work in a child care setting. The course is a Level 3 qualification and is listed on the QCA framework of Nationally Accredited Qualifications. This course is widely accepted by red brick and metropolitan universities to study a range of subjects at degree level. Childhood Studies develops the knowledge, skills and experience to enable students to work in a child care setting.

### **What will I learn on this course?**

Practical and theoretical skills on how babies and children learn and develop. This will include much child psychology and you will have the opportunity to put this knowledge into practice by working in a range of different placements two days per week.

The following units will be covered: - Observation and assessment - Supporting young children - The developing child from conception to 7 years - Promoting a healthy environment - Play, curriculum and early children's learning - The role of the early years practitioner - Keeping children safe - Anti-discriminatory/anti bias practice - The development of professional skills with children's education - Care of sick children - Nutrition & healthy food for children - Developing children's communication, language & literacy skills Students spend two days per week in a minimum of three placements with 0 - 8 year olds. Students will be taught each unit by a variety of experienced staff and will learn to deal with pressure, meet deadlines and work within a team environment.

### **Who is suitable for this course?**

We have taught this subject to both boys and girls who have an interest in a child's development and psychology. It is not necessary to want to study children further at university, as this course serves as a gateway to many other degree subjects.

### **What could I do with a qualification in this subject?**

Previous students have gone on to study: Childhood Studies and Education, Psychology, Nursery Teaching, Teacher Training, Speech Therapy, Youth Studies, Forensic Science, Social Work, Criminology, Media and Culture, Occupational Therapy among others.



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The three most commonly asked questions about this course are:

## Can I take another 'A' Level subject with this?

No, it is equivalent to 3 'A' Levels already.

## Is the course easier as it only has one exam?

No, there is much pressure, with many deadlines to be met, and a high standard to reach for good grades.

## Can I go to University?

Yes, many CACHE students go on to good universities achieving high degree qualifications in a range of subjects.

### Course Content:

A total of 14 units are taught:

Unit 1: Child development from conception to seven years

Unit 2: Children's health and well-being

Unit 3: Providing safe environments for children

Unit 4: Child health

Unit 5: Play and learning

Unit 6: Understanding children's additional needs

Unit 7: Observation, assessment and planning

Unit 9: Supporting emergent literacy

Unit 10: Supporting emergent mathematics

Unit 11: Preparing for school readiness

Unit 12: International perspectives

Unit 13: Reflective practice for professional development

Unit 14: Professional partnerships in early years

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### Assessment:

The course is assessed by the successful completion of set assignments for each unit, two externally set & marked controlled assessment tasks completed in school under exam conditions, and assessment of practical competence will take place in the work placement.

Each of the 16 units goes towards your 3 'A' Level grades.



## LIBF CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL STUDIES LEVEL 3

The Certificate in Financial Studies is broadly equivalent to an AS qualification.

### **Why should I study the Certificate in Financial Studies?**

The Certificate in Financial Studies provides a comprehensive introduction to personal finance. Its purpose is to prepare students for further study through the development of the core skills of critical analysis and evaluation, synthesis, verbal communication (through classroom discussion) and written communication. The Certificate in Financial Studies develops the knowledge and skills required for young people to make informed financial decisions by introducing them to the risks and challenges involved in personal finance and the tools for effective planning. Within this, it provides a solid basis for creating financial inclusion, by exploring social-economic trends and their relationship with an individual's circumstances and attitudes.

### **Key content areas**

- Importance of financial capability in the immediate, short, medium and long term.
- Financial services and products, including sources of help and advice.
- Borrowing, budgeting, financial planning and cash flow forecasting.
- The impact of external influences at different stages in the personal life cycle.
- Risk and reward in managing personal finance.

### **Key skills developed**

The qualification will encourage students to:

- analyse financial information, financial services products and services and begin to make judgements about suitability for people in different circumstances
- develop an understanding of financial concepts and terminology to enhance financial literacy
- analyse, synthesise, evaluate and reflect
- demonstrate numeracy skills, including the ability to manipulate financial and other numerical data to reflect the conceptual activity of financial maths
- select appropriate data and information to make arguments
- structure and communicate ideas logically and coherently
- increase their ability to work and learn independently.

### **Assessment**

All components and units are mandatory and assessed. Each unit is assessed through a combination of Multiple Choice Questions (Part A) and a written paper (Part B).

### **Qualification grading**

The overall qualification will be graded A\* – E.

### **Progression and preparation for further study**

For students who wish to develop a wider understanding of the socio-economic impacts of personal finance, the skills and knowledge developed in the Certificate in Financial Services can be extended by taking two further units to complete the Diploma in Financial Studies which is broadly equivalent to an A level qualification.



## PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC SERVICES

The BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma covers the key knowledge and practical skills required as a foundation to a career in Public Services. The qualification offers greater flexibility and a range of emphasis through the units studied. It is broadly equivalent to one GCE A Level.

### **Mandatory units** (all of these units will be studied)

- 1 Government, Policies and the Public Services
- 2 Leadership and Teamwork in the Public Services
- 3 Citizenship, Diversity and the Public Services

### **Optional units** (at least six units from the following will be studied)

- 5 Physical Preparation, Health and Lifestyle for the Public Services
- 7 International Institutions and Human Rights
- 9 Outdoor and Adventurous Expeditions
- 10 Skills for Land-based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- 11 Skills for Water-based Outdoor and Adventurous Activities
- 12 Crime and its Effects on Society
- 16 Career Planning for the Public Services
- 18 Behaviour in Public Sector Employment
- 26 Enhancing Public Service Delivery Through the Use of ICT
- 33 Volunteering in Public Services
- 34 Environmental Policies and Practices
- 35 Land Navigation by Map and Compass

### **Assessment and grading**

All units are internally assessed in the BTEC qualifications in this specification and are, based on the achievement of specified learning outcomes. Each unit within the qualification has specified assessment and grading criteria which are to be used for grading purposes. A summative unit grade can be awarded at **pass, merit or distinction**

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