

# NCFE CACHE Level 3 Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinators in Early Years Settings



The Level 3 Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinators in Early Years Settings has been designed for those already working in or interested in, a SENCo role as part of their early years practitioner role.

The qualification aims to explore the role and responsibilities of the SENCo in early years settings, understand strategies for supporting children and families, and increase knowledge of SEND codes of practice.

Who is it suitable for?

This qualification is suitable for practitioners working in private, voluntary or independent early years settings and is also suitable for childminders.

How is this qualification structured?

In order to achieve the Level 3 Award, learners must achieve two mandatory units.

- x Roles and responsibilities of the Special Needs Coordinator in the Early Years
- x Strategies and techniques for supporting children and families

How is it assessed?

This qualification will be internally assessed. Types of assessment include a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task.

Do be at least 16 years of age and meet the criteria below:

- x Have a Level 3 Early Years qualification
  - x To be able to attend monthly virtual classroom sessions
  - x To be in a position to carry out three to four hours of study per week
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- x To have the appropriate level of literacy
  - x To have regular access to a computer which will allow you to access the on-line portfolio system
  - x To be able to surf the internet, send and receive emails with attachments, complete written work using a computer (with Microsoft Word) and be generally IT literate

How long will it take?

Approximately 4-5 months. Learners will be enrolled for 5 months.

