

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA FOR THE EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER (EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR)



PATA will be delivering the new Early Years Educator courses

The Early Years Educator (EYE) qualifications offered by City and Guilds, Cache and Pearson are the only L3 qualifications for early years that will be classed as full and relevant for learners enrolling from September 2014.

The new EYE qualification that PATA offers (through City and Guilds) include units that focus on child development from conception (neurological and brain development), and speech and language (Systematic Synthetic Phonics as a means of teaching and reading). These are L4 units so any learners who progress onto L5 qualifications will already hold some units of accreditation.

The learners portfolio of evidence will consist of a reflective log, and direct observations of practice (6 in total). Learners will also complete a longitudinal assignment, observing, evaluating and reflecting on one child over the duration of their course. In addition to the new qualification, changes to the EYFS (again effective September 2014) state that to count in staff:child ratios at L3, staff holding the new EYE qualification must also have GCSE's in English/English language and maths at grade C or above.

Learners can enroll onto these courses without GCSE's, as you can still be counted in the staff ratios at level 2. This obviously holds implications for learners and employers when considering enrollment. There are also further funding implications for learners.

Amidst all these changes, PATA is able to deliver this new course with confidence. Our tutor, Anita McKelvey has been working with City and Guilds over the past 18 months writing the new L3 qualifications, and we are therefore best placed to meet any concerns and questions learners and employers may have.

Entry Requirements:

Ideally you will have completed the L2 Certificate CYP or similar

Have GCSE Mathematics and English Language (Grade A* - C)

Work based course

12 month course = 20 hours per week in setting

18 month course = 15 hours per week in setting

What is this course about?

This qualification provides the skills and knowledge for those working in key positions in playgroups, nurseries, crèches, children's centres.

What will I study?

To achieve this course you must complete a total of 64 credits all from mandatory units;

- Promote communication
- Engage in personal development
- Promote equality and inclusion
- Principles for implementing duty of care
- Child and young person development
- Safeguard the well being of children and young people
- Develop positive relationships
- Working together

- Support positive outcome for children and young people
- Context and principles
- Promote children's welfare and well-being
- Professional practice
- Support children's speech, language and Communication
- Additional 1 elective credit option - (e.g. SEN, finance, marketing, care, nutrition & hydration of babies, physical development, managing behaviour, team leading)

How will I learn?

This is a work based course with underpinning knowledge and understanding. The course is on a part time study basis with taught workshops plus 6 work based observations by your assessor and a choice for some units of written assignments or portfolio routes.

Career prospects

This course is suitable for those interested in working with children and young people in a range of job roles; care worker, childminder, early years practitioner, nursery nurse, education welfare officer, connexions worker, learning mentor, careers advisor, youth and community worker.

Course start date: Enrolling now

Venue: Chequers Bridge Centre, Painswick Road, Gloucester, GL4 6PR

Course Code: 3605 –03 (City and Guilds)

Cost: £2,800 without GCSE's / 24+ learning loan with GCSE's maybe available, please enquire

To apply: Complete the application form for NATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS from the website www.pataglos.org.uk and email to: atc@pataglos.org.uk

Enquiries for funding or further course information, telephone 01452 541244 or email as above.

Time: TBC

Length of course: 18 months