

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, RH1 2JX, 1 year full-time.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Five GCSEs grade 9-3 (A*-D), including Maths and English, or BTEC Level 1 Diploma Merit/Distinction and GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) in English and Maths.

A clean DBS check. A strong reference from your previous tutor. Experience of childcare is not essential but would be a benefit.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

- NCFE CACHE LEVEL 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner
- GCSE English and Maths, if not already achieved
- Employability and personal development

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces you to caring for children under the age of five years old. You will learn how babies and children develop, plan for activities for babies and children to help with their development and to help them to progress. You will build confidence and the skills needed to work with others in College and in your work placement. The course includes a two-day-a-week work experience placement in a nursery setting, where you will demonstrate the skills that you are learning. By the end of the course, you will be prepared to go into employment or to progress on to Childcare Level 3.

This Childcare course is designed to equip students with the skills needed to look after children. Therefore, it is important to be emotionally balanced and resilient in order to cope with challenging situations and the demands of working within the childcare sector. You will need to be creative, enthusiastic and enjoy working with children.

You will need to source work placements to complete at least 250 work experience hours. This placement needs to be in a setting which has babies and young children ranging from 3 months to 5 years.

UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

Some of the topics that you will explore include:

- Promote play in an Early Years setting
- Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- Health and Safety of babies and young children in the Early Years
- Understand how to support children's development
- Safeguarding, protection and welfare for young children in Early Years Settings
- Support care routines for babies and young children

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

Coursework, practical activities, placement observations and work experience.



EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Stationery – pens, paper, ring binder, dividers, plastic wallets, etc.
- Textbook.
- Access to internet and IT is an advantage
- Students are required to purchase uniform, which consists of polo shirts and a fleece (optional). You will also be expected to wear appropriate trousers/skirt and shoes. Childcare students need to be aware that excessive jewellery and nail extensions are not appropriate to the industry.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

Early Years Educator Level 3 or Health & Social Care Level 3 – (entry requirements for Level 3 is a pass at Level 2 and achievement of GCSE Maths and English at grade 4 (C) or above, and a positive reference from your tutor, including a good attendance and punctuality report).

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31 August 2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility.

Students are required to purchase their uniform and there may be additional costs for equipment and educational visits. This information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

A DBS check will also need to take place.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 01737 788444 or at clientservices@esc.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course please visit www.esc.ac.uk.

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