

# CARING & EARLY YEARS

**CARING AND EARLY YEARS STUDIES IS ONE OF THE COLLEGE'S FASTEST GROWING AREAS, ATTRACTING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE BLACK COUNTRY.**

All caring and early years courses can be found at our specialist campus at Castle View, which is dedicated to the care sector. The campus is well resourced, including a 'time to chill' area with MTV to listen to and watch when you need a bit of relaxation! We provide excellent pastoral support. Just under half of the learning experience takes place in the workplace, ensuring that you become competent and confident at the same time.

Close links with local employers enable us to train you to meet the local workplace needs. These qualifications prepare you for work in schools, nurseries, hospitals, day nurseries, special needs schools and care homes. Over 50% of health-care students progress to higher education, so don't hesitate - contact us now for an informal interview!

As a Care student you will be involved in our annual events, which involve Children in Need fund raising in November and Level 1 students support Barnardo's on the Annual Toddle around Dudley Zoo in June.



For further information on careers in Caring & Early Years visit: [www.aimhigherwm-alps.org](http://www.aimhigherwm-alps.org) or call Student Services on **01384 363363** for a careers interview.

# CARING FOR CHILDREN

LEVEL 1

REF: 1569

## WHICH CAMPUS?

Castle View Campus

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This is an introductory skills-based course, which offers the opportunity to explore issues of importance for potential workers in the field of Childcare. It provides progression onto a level 2 equivalent course for qualifying to work with children. You will study:

- Human growth & development
- Playing & practical activities
- Health & safety practices in home & group settings
- Care of children
- Food & Nutrition
- Personal development
- Key skills
- Orientation to work programme
- Financial Management

You will attend a block work placement for two weeks at the end of each term.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed by assignments, multiple choice question papers, and work placement reports.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You will need to attend an interview, provide 2 satisfactory references and have 2 GCSEs at grade F or above to include English Language.

**NOTE:** This qualification leads to employment with vulnerable groups of people, therefore applicants are required to have a clear police record and have police clearance before embarking on the programme. CRB forms are available from college.

## HOW LONG?

1 year.

## WHAT NEXT?

Childcare and Education Diploma Level 2

# CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

CACHE DIPLOMA - LEVEL 3

REF: 567

## WHICH CAMPUS?

Castle View Campus

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is for you if you want to work with children in a wide variety of situations, from nursery classes and infant schools to working abroad as a nanny. The content of the course is based around caring for children as they develop from babyhood to the age of sixteen. You will cover the following topics:

- Working with children
- The developing child 0 -16 years
- Play learning and education
- Health & community care
- Anti-discriminatory practice
- Working with parents
- The provision of services and the protection of children
- Key skills, usually Application of Number, Communication and IT

4 days per week every other week will be spent in placement.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed through assignments, external assessments and a record of training competencies from practical placements must be completed.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You will need 4 GCSEs at grade C or above including English, a good standard of both written and spoken English is necessary. You will need to attend an interview and provide 2 satisfactory references.

Male and bi-lingual candidates are welcome to apply. Evidence of work experience in a childcare setting would be helpful **OR** Programme led apprenticeship in childcare and education level 2.

You will need to have gained merits in your technical certificate, have a good reference from your tutor, satisfactory placement reports and initial assessment in literacy at level 2.

**NOTE:** This qualification leads to employment with vulnerable groups of people, therefore applicants are required to have a clear police record and have police clearance before embarking on the programme. CRB forms are available from college.

## HOW LONG?

2 years.

## WHAT NEXT?

Employment in nursery classes, infant schools, nurseries and working as a nanny; University courses for Teacher Training.

# CHILDREN'S CARE LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA - LEVEL 3

REF: 1424

## WHICH CAMPUS?

Castle View Campus

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is for you if you want to work with children in a wide variety of situations, from nursery classes and infant schools to working abroad as a nanny. The content of the course is based around caring for children as they develop from babyhood to the age of eight. You will cover topics such as:

### Core Units:

- Positive relationships for children's care learning and development
- Positive environments for children's care learning and development
- Promoting children's development
- Reflecting on and developing practice for children aged 0 - 8 yrs
- Safeguarding children
- Promoting children's rights
- Children's learning activities and play.

### Optional Units:

- Diet and nutrition for children
- Psychological perspectives on children's behaviour
- Supporting children's literacy skills
- Supporting children's numeracy skills
- The development and care of babies under 3 years
- Personal Study
- Key Skills Communication
- 800 hours in the workplace

4 days per week every other week will be spent in a placement.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed by a range of methods including: assignments, projects, case studies and practical exercises.

## WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You will need to attend an interview and supply 2 satisfactory references. You should have one of the following:

- 5 GCSEs (including English) at grade C or above (those wishing to progress to teacher training must hold Maths, English and Science at grade C or above)
- OR** GNVQ Intermediate Health and Social Care
- OR** BTEC First Certificate/Diploma in Health and Social Care with merit or distinction grade
- OR** an equivalent qualification.

Evidence of work place experience in a childcare setting would be an advantage. Students without formal qualifications will be considered, based upon their educational and practical experience and evidence of placement or employment.

**NOTE:** This qualification leads to employment with vulnerable groups of people, therefore applicants are required to have a clear police record and have police clearance before embarking on the programme. CRB forms are available from college.

## HOW LONG?

2 years.

## WHAT NEXT?

Employment in a school, nursery, day nursery, crèche or playgroup and as a nanny. Various university degrees such as teaching or training.



## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

BTEC INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA - LEVEL 1

REF: 2940

### WHICH CAMPUS?

Castle View Campus

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This course is designed to encourage you to develop the personal skills and qualities required for work in the Care sector. On this course, you will study a range of subjects, which will vary depending on whether you are studying for the Certificate (4 units) or Diploma (8 units).

#### Certificate: you will study 2 units choosing from:

- Starting work in Health and Social Care
- Personal care needs
- Working in health and social care

Plus 2 other units from a choice of 6

#### Diploma: you will study:

The three units listed above, plus 5 units from a choice of 6.

### HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed by projects and assignments completed in realistic workplace situations.

### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You will normally have a satisfactory reference and at least one of the following:

- 4 GCSEs at grade F in English Language plus 3 other relevant subjects
- OR** Skills for Working Life or Life Skills at Entry level qualification
- OR** An appropriate standard of Literacy and Numeracy
- OR** Related interests and experience in Health and Care

**NOTE:** This qualification leads to employment with vulnerable groups of people, therefore applicants are required to have a clear police record and have police clearance before embarking on the programme. CRB forms are available from college.

### HOW LONG?

1 year.

### WHAT NEXT?

BTEC Introductory Diploma on completion of the Certificate Level 1. After Introductory Diploma you could progress to BTEC First Diploma or NVQ Level 2.



## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

BTEC FIRST CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA - LEVEL 2

REF: 2002

### WHICH CAMPUS?

Castle View Campus

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

This is a practical, work related course, which introduces you to the Care professions. It could also be used as a suitable introduction to Nursing. You will study:

- Communication
- Individual rights and needs within health and social care sectors
- Vocational experience
- Cultural diversity in a health and social care setting
- Anatomy and physiology
- Human lifespan development

Other specialist units may also be available

### HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed via projects, assignments and successfully completed work experience.

### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You should have at least one of the following:

BTEC Foundation Certificate/Diploma in a related subject at Merit level  
**OR** Literacy and Numeracy equivalent to 4 GCSEs at grades D or above including English  
**OR** Other related level 1 or level 2 qualifications at Merit/ Distinction level  
**OR** Related work experience (a reference will be required). A satisfactory reference is required and you must be healthy to work in care.

**NOTE:** This qualification leads to employment with vulnerable groups of people, therefore applicants are required to have a clear police record and have police clearance before embarking on the programme. CRB forms are available from college.

### HOW LONG?

1 year.

### WHAT NEXT?

BTEC National Diploma in Health & Social Care.

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

BTEC NATIONAL CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA - LEVEL 3

REF: 2003

### WHICH CAMPUS?

Castle View Campus

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

On this course you will gain a good understanding of Health and Social Care working environments. This is a practical, work related course, which could also be used as a suitable introduction to Nursing. You will study a range of topics \* including:

- Equality, diversity and rights in care work
- Communication and supportive skills
- Research for care
- Sociology/Psychology
- Vocational practice (double value unit)
- Protecting self and others
- Personal and professional development

You will also have the opportunity to study additional specialist units

The course includes compulsory placements in a variety of care settings.

### HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You will be assessed via a portfolio of evidence, assignments and assessed placements.

### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You will need one of the following:

4 GCSEs at grade C or above including English  
**OR** GNVQ Intermediate award with Merit or Distinction in a relevant subject  
**OR** BTEC First Diploma with Merit or Diploma grade and Key Skills Communications at Level 2.

**NOTE:** This qualification leads to employment with vulnerable groups of people, therefore applicants are required to have a clear police record and have police clearance before embarking on the programme. CRB forms are available from college.

### HOW LONG?

2 years.

### WHAT NEXT?

University based courses in nursing, social care, teaching biological sciences and related areas.

\* = subject to change



## OTHER COURSES AVAILABLE

### APPRENTICESHIPS (SEE APPRENTICESHIPS SECTION FOR INFO)

Children's Care, Learning and  
Development Programme Led  
Apprenticeship - Level 2 (REF: 1352)