

Early years

If you are considering starting a career in the children and young people's workforce, the Early Years department offers a range of full time courses from entry level to level 3 to help you progress in your chosen profession.

Training with Northumberland College could help you qualify to work in the children and young people's workforce in children's centres, pre-schools, day nurseries and nursery classes in primary schools. The department has a vocationally qualified, experienced team who deliver externally validated courses to a very high standard.

We work closely with professional organisations, employers and higher education institutions to ensure all training is current and relevant for the workplace. CACHE (Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education) qualifications give you the skills, knowledge and capacity to pursue a career in the children and young people's workforce.

Career opportunities...

Teaching assistant, nursery nurse and day care assistant are just some of the careers available to you if you study a course in early years.

Interested in an Apprenticeship?

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Level 1 - Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children and Young People's Settings

Code TBC

Location Ashington

Ideal if... you would like to train and prepare for a career working with children and young people or in health and social care. You will spend time in a placement setting to develop your practical skills.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade F, or a relevant entry level qualification plus good communication skills.

Level 2 - CACHE Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce

Code EYR0015F

Location Ashington

Ideal if... you would like to work with children or young people up to the age of 18. You will spend alternate weeks at college and in a placement setting.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D, or a relevant level 1 qualification and Functional Skills in English at level 1, plus a high level of motivation.



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Level 2 - Apprenticeship Children and Young People's Workforce

Code EYR0013P **Location** Ashington, Berwick

Ideal if... you work with children and want to develop your skills and gain a recognised qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D in English and maths, or a relevant level 1 qualification and be employed in an early years' setting.

Level 2 - Apprenticeship Supporting Teaching and Learning

Code EYR0042P **Location** Ashington, Berwick

Ideal if... you work with children as a teaching assistant and want to develop your skills and gain a recognised qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D in English and maths, or a relevant level 1 qualification and be employed in an early years' setting.

Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship Children and Young People's Workforce

Code EYR0014P **Location** Ashington, Berwick

Ideal if... you work with children and want to develop your skills and gain a recognised higher level qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification and be employed in the industry.

Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship Supporting Teaching and Learning

Code EYR0043P **Location** Ashington, Berwick

Ideal if... you work with children as a teaching assistant and want to develop your skills and gain a higher level recognised qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification and be employed in the industry.

Level 3 - CACHE Diploma in Children and Young People's Workforce

Code EYR0016F **Location** Ashington

Ideal if... you would like to train to become a care worker, nursery practitioner or pre-school worker. You can gain a full level 3 qualification and progress to employment at the end of one year, or complete a second year of study in order to progress to university (if you have four GCSEs grade C or above).

This course can be studied over one or two years.

1 year option

Entry requirements



You should have three GCSEs at grade D. Those wishing to progress to university can complete a second year.

2 year option

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including one in English, or a relevant level 2 qualification and Functional Skills in English at level 2, plus a high level of motivation and good communication skills.

Criminal Records Bureau Enhanced Disclosure (CRB) clearance and two appropriate references are required for all early years courses.