

T Level - Technical Qualification in Education & Childcare (Level 3)

Occupational Specialism - Early Years Educator

Awarding Body - NCFE

T Levels

- ❖ T levels are an alternative to A levels and apprenticeships.
- ❖ T Levels, designed with employers, for employers.
- ❖ Equivalent to 3 A levels.
- ❖ Ensure students have the knowledge and skills needed to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical training\education.
- ❖ Combines classroom learning with a substantial industry placement.

T Level in Education and Childcare

Who is the qualification suitable for?

Post-16 students looking to develop knowledge and practical skills within the education and childcare sector.

Entry Criteria

4 GCSEs (grade 4-9) including English & maths

UCAS Points

D* = 168

D = 144

M = 120

P = 96

Progression Routes

Employment

Higher Education

Apprenticeships

Structure of Qualification

Full time course, delivered over two years

- ❖ 3 days a week at college
- ❖ 2 days a week in the workplace
- ❖ Students need to complete 750 industry placements hours (approx. 150 days).

Qualification Components

Core Component (Year 1)

- ❖ 12 elements – Inclusive of behaviour, child development, reflective practice, special educational needs, supporting education
- ❖ Assessment – 2 exams & one employer-set project (case study and discussion)
- ❖ Graded A* - E

Occupational Specialism – Early Years Educator (Year 2)

- ❖ 5 specialist elements – Inclusive of supporting & promoting play, safeguarding, planning and reviewing care, developing relationships
- ❖ Assessment - external assessment & industry-based tasks
- ❖ Graded P/M/D

How is the qualification assessed?

Assessment

Year 1 – Core Component		
Exam Paper A	Exam Paper B	Employer-set Project
2 hours	2 hours	12 hours
Units 1 – 6	Units 7 – 12	Case study & discussion
35%	35%	30%

Year 2 – Occupational Specialism		
Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Assignment 3
4 hours	18-22 hours	3 hours 45 minutes
External Assessment	Industry-based observation (working with children)	Industry-based observation (carrying out child observations)
25%	50%	25%

Grading

UCAS Points

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		Occupational specialism grade		
Core component grade		Distinction	Merit	Pass
	A*	Distinction*	Distinction	Merit
	A	Distinction	Distinction	Merit
	B	Distinction	Merit	Merit
	C	Distinction	Merit	Pass
	D	Merit	Pass	Pass
	E	Pass	Pass	Pass

Overall T Level grade

Licence to Practice

- ❖ The T Level Technical Qualification in Education and Childcare enables learners to **enter the industry as a level 3 qualified practitioner.**
- ❖ Learners will have the opportunity to complete a **Paediatric First Aid** qualification alongside the T Level course.
- ❖ The Level 3 qualification enables learners to **enter management roles**, within childcare, post-certification and with employment experience



The Benefits of Studying a T Level Qualification

T Level Benefits

- ❖ **Substantial industry placement**
- ❖ Work preparation & experience, learning technical skills, receiving pastoral support and personal development
- ❖ Enables learners to develop both **technical and academic skills**



How to apply

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Questions