

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Early Years and Childcare (540) (601/7439/0)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	The Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Early Years and Childcare (540) will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills that will enable you to work in the Early Years sector in England or to undertake further training for the Children and Young People's sector.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>The qualification covers the knowledge and skills which are essential for anyone working in Early Years.</p> <p>The nine mandatory units cover topics which include child development, professional development, safeguarding children, theories underpinning practice and supporting children's activities.</p> <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the Early Years sector or specialist further study.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	<p>On completion of this qualification you will be able to seek work in supervised roles within the Early Years and Childcare sector in England, including assistant practitioner roles in day nurseries, nursery schools and preschools.</p> <p>This qualification does not qualify you as an Early Years Educator. The Extended Diploma (1080) meets the qualification requirements which are set by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) for being qualified to work with children from 0 to 5 years old.</p>
Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?	This qualification is for you if you know you want to work in the Early Years sector in England but you are not ready to go directly on the larger qualification to become a qualified Early Years Educator.
Will the qualification lead to further learning?	<p>This qualification will enable you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress to an apprenticeship at Level 3 to become an Early Years Educator • progress to further learning for access to Higher Education

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- move towards becoming an L3 Early Years Educator by completing the Advanced Technical Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080).

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions	Pacey
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FURTHER INFORMATION	Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.
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