

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080) (601/7440/7)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>It is for you if you want to work as Early Years Educator in the Early Years sector in England, with children from 0 to 5 years of age.</p> <p>The Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080) will provide you with the knowledge and practical skills that will enable you to work as an Early Years Educator in England or to undertake further training for the Children and Young People's sector.</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>The qualification covers the knowledge and skills which are essential to anyone working as an Early Years Educator, and expands on the mandatory criteria for Early Years Educators to provide a broad range of knowledge and skills.</p> <p>The mandatory units cover topics such as child development, professional development, safeguarding children, theories underpinning practice, supporting children's activities, reflecting on practice and learning to improve quality of setting, introduction into research in the early years practice, partnership with parents, and developing leadership skills.</p> <p>You will also select one optional unit from the following three:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing for employment in the early years sector • technology in the early years setting • support children in early years settings acquiring a language. <p>The content in the mandatory units fully meets the qualification criteria for Early Years Educators set by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL). The qualification expands on the minimum requirements to include, for example, research techniques, theories and supporting children's play, creativity reading and writing skills and additional needs.</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?

Once you have completed this qualification you will be able to work as an Early Years Educator in England (you will also have to gain GCSE English and maths at grade C or above). For more information see the City & Guilds website.

You may also wish to progress to leadership roles within the Early Years sector at level 4 and beyond, for instance in a Senior or Lead Practitioner role in Early Years.

Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

The Advanced Technical Extended Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator) (1080) is the qualification for you if you know that you want to gain the licence to practise qualification to work as an Early Years Educator in England.

You may also already be thinking of progressing into leadership roles in Early Years or progressing into Higher Education.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

Once you have completed this qualification you will be able to move to further learning for example on Foundation Degree and Degree programmes.

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions

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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.
