



Northumberland  
County Council

# **Education & Childcare Course Descriptions**



## Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Introduction to Childcare</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Non-accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Take your first step into working in Childcare and Education, by enrolling on our 4-week introductory course.</p> <p>Designed to help you build the knowledge and skills you will need, this course will focus on the common tasks and roles you will encounter when working under supervision with children and young people from birth to 19 years of age.</p> <p>This course covers a diverse range of job roles and occupational areas within the childcare and education setting.</p> <p>There is no formal assessment but your progress and achievement will be recognised and recorded by your teacher throughout the course.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	<p>You could progress to an accredited course in Working with Children, which will prepare you to train into a specialist role like youth work, play work, childcare or supporting teaching and learning.</p> <p>You could also complete another level 1 course such as our Awards in Safeguarding in the Learning Environment and Health &amp; Safety.</p>
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## Northumberland Learning & Skills Service Course Description

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Award in Caring for Children</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>This course will give you the opportunity to gain new skills in the Childcare sector and pursue a new occupational role within the industry, such as a Nursery nurse, Youth worker or a Community worker</p> <p>You will develop basic knowledge and understanding of the needs of young children from birth to 5 years old. Throughout the course, you will cover a range of topics, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging children to eat healthily</li> <li>• Creating a safe environment for a group of children</li> <li>• Working in a team</li> <li>• Contributing to equality and opportunity in supporting young people's development</li> <li>• Providing a range of appropriate play activities for young children</li> </ul> <p>There is no formal assessment but your progress and achievement will be recognised and recorded by your teacher throughout the course.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You could potentially gain employment within the childcare profession or progress onto a level 2 qualification in Childcare and Education.
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Preparing to Work in Schools</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>This qualification will prepare you for further learning and training whilst developing your understanding of the teaching and learning environment in a school setting.</p> <p>The course will cover areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to support the well-being of a child or young person</li> <li>• Child and young person development.</li> <li>• Understanding schools as organisations</li> <li>• Understanding how to communicate with children, young people and adults.</li> </ul> <p>This qualification will be internally assessed using a range of methods, which could include written assignments or tasks such as designing a leaflet or booklet, charts or diagrams, or setting up an information board.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You could look to progress further on to a level 2 course surrounding education and childcare or achieve employment within a related role.
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<b>Course title</b>	Education and Childcare
<b>Level</b>	Level 2 & 3
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	These courses are suitable for anyone over 16
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>You can choose to study one of the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce</li> <li>• Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce</li> <li>• Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools</li> <li>• Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools</li> </ul> <p>Find the information for these individual courses on the following pages.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	<p>You can progress into various job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant in Children's Centres</li> <li>• Practitioner in nursery schools</li> <li>• Practitioner in reception classes in primary schools</li> <li>• Pre-school worker</li> </ul> <p>You could also progress further on to a higher level qualification in Education and Childcare.</p>
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Certificate for the Children and Young Peoples Workforce</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 2</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>This course could be your first step into a successful career in the Education and Childcare industry.</p> <p>You will cover a diverse range of job roles and responsibilities involved in a children's setting, including early years and social care. There are a number of different topics that you will cover throughout the course, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child and young person development</li> <li>• Safeguarding the welfare of children and young People</li> <li>• Maintaining and supporting relationships with children and young people</li> <li>• Understanding partnerships working in services for children and young people</li> <li>• Supporting children and young people's positive behaviour</li> </ul> <p>Your progress through the course will be assessed by your tutor or assessor using a range of methods. This could include direct observation in the workplace, a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	You will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement, as you need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	It provides a direct progression route to the Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Diploma for the Early Years Workforce</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Continue your journey towards becoming a part of the Childcare and Education sector.</p> <p>The Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce will prepare you to become an Early Years Educator, enabling you to work with children from birth to 5 years of age, gaining knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years.</p> <p>We have structured the qualification around three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme 1: Health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Theme 2: Legislation, frameworks and professional practice</li> <li>• Theme 3: Play, development and learning for school readiness</li> </ul> <p>Your progress will be assessed by your tutor or assessor using a range of methods. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct observation in the workplace</li> <li>• A portfolio of evidence</li> <li>• Written assignments</li> <li>• A task relating to the subject</li> </ul> <p>This qualification forms part of the Level 2 &amp; 3 Education and Childcare course. Completion of this individual course is essential to achieving the overall qualification.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A GCSE English and Maths A*-C or Functional Skills in Maths and English</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	<p>You can progress into various job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant in Children's Centres</li> <li>• Practitioner in nursery schools</li> <li>• Practitioner in reception classes in primary schools</li> </ul>
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 2</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Continue your journey towards becoming a part of the Childcare and Education sector.</p> <p>This qualification will allow you to develop the knowledge and skills needed when supporting teaching and learning in primary, secondary or special schools.</p> <p>You will cover a wide range of topics including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young people's development</li> <li>• Supporting those with disabilities or special educational needs</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Professional relationships</li> </ul> <p>This qualification is a must-have for all those undertaking the Level 2 Supporting Teaching and Learning Apprenticeship.</p> <p>Your progress will be assessed by your tutor or assessor using a range of methods, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct observation in the workplace</li> <li>• A portfolio of evidence</li> <li>• A written assignments</li> <li>• A task relating to the topics of your course</li> </ul> <p>This qualification forms part of the Level 2 &amp; 3 Education and Childcare course. Completion of this individual course is essential to achieving the overall qualification.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	You will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement, as you need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	It provides a direct progression route to the Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning.
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Continue your journey towards becoming a part of the Childcare and Education sector.</p> <p>This course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the knowledge and skills required when working directly with children or young people in primary, secondary or special schools. You will cover all of the aspects of Specialist Support including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Delivering</li> <li>• Reviewing assessment strategies to support learning alongside the teacher</li> <li>• Bilingual</li> <li>• Special needs support</li> <li>• Personal development</li> <li>• Reflective practice</li> </ul> <p>It is also a must-have for all those undertaking the Level 3 Supporting Teaching and Learning Apprenticeship.</p> <p>Your progress will be assessed by your tutor or assessor using a range of methods. This could include direct observation in the workplace, a portfolio of evidence, written assignments or a task.</p> <p>This qualification forms part of the Level 2 &amp; 3 Education and Childcare course. Completion of this individual course is essential to achieving the overall qualification.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	A GCSE English and Maths A*-C or Functional Skills in Maths and English
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	You will need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement, as you need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You can progress to the Level 4 Higher Level Teaching Assistant or into job roles such as Teaching Assistant, Learning Support Assistant and Special Educational Needs Assistant.
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Award in Education and Training - Principle and Practice in Assessment</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Non-accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	This course is for anyone aged 19 or over
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Develop your understanding of the different aspects involved in the role of a Teacher/Trainer, Such as different legislating documents, equality, diversity, inclusivity and meeting the needs of learners.</p> <p>Through the completion of this course, you will gain a solid understanding of the different the roles and responsibilities of a Teacher/Trainer, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationships in education and training</li> <li>• Inclusive teaching and learning approaches</li> <li>• Assessment of learners</li> <li>• Facilitating learning and development for individuals</li> <li>• Facilitating learning and development in groups</li> <li>• Understanding principles and practices of assessment</li> </ul> <p>After completing this course you will be able to sequence learning, plan and deliver sessions using appropriate resources and teaching methods. You will also be able to identify the characteristics of effective assessment and feedback.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	No previous qualifications are required
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	None
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	You could progress further on to a related accredited course or you could gain employment in the Education and Training sector.
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<b>Course title</b>	<b>Higher Level Teaching Assistant</b>
<b>Level</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Accredited</b>	Accredited
<b>Who is this course for?</b>	Those who are currently working as a teaching assistant that wish to progress to a Higher Level Teaching Assistant status.
<b>What will I study? (Key modules or content)</b>	<p>Gain the essential knowledge and understanding required when analysing and addressing the different challenges that classroom assistants are likely to face.</p> <p>Through the completion of this course, you will gain an understanding of the different requirements involved, when working with individuals and small groups, as well as gaining an essential insight into supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEN).</p> <p>To successfully achieve this qualification you must complete seven mandatory units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Knowledge and Development for Higher Level Teaching Assistants</li> <li>• Child Development and Well Being</li> <li>• Supporting Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs</li> <li>• Promoting Children and Young People's Positive Behaviour</li> <li>• Working with Individual and Groups of Learners</li> <li>• Positive Working Relationships</li> <li>• Curriculum planning, Monitoring</li> <li>• Delivery and Assessment</li> </ul> <p>The qualification will be assessed through a combination of assignments and observations of teaching or training.</p>
<b>What are the Entry requirements?</b>	Learners are required to be working within a school as a teaching assistant.
<b>Requirements of the course (e.g. kit/uniform info)</b>	During placement, learners will need support from a professional within the real work environment who will be required to complete professional development records.
<b>Progression and Careers</b>	<p>On successful achievement of the Focus Awards Level 4 Certificate For Higher Level Teaching Assistants (RQF) learners may wish to progress onto becoming a teacher.</p> <p>You could also progress on to a further qualification, such as:</p>





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- Level 3 Award in Education and Training
- Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training
- Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training

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