

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Technical Certificate in Childcare and Education

Unit 1 – Conception to Seven Years

In this unit you will explore the development of a child from the moment of conception and throughout pregnancy.

- Find out the definitions of these key terms – amniotic sac, blastocyst, meconium, trimester.
- Write a short account of how a baby develops month by month in the uterus.
- Watch an episode of 'One Born Every Minute' what types of births did you see? Where they 'full term'?

Unit 2 – Child Health

This unit focuses on the health and well-being of children. You will learn about theories of attachment and the importance of secure relationships in a child's life.

- Have you heard of Harlow's Monkeys? Research this study and write a short account of what you think the findings mean for young children. You will be able to find clips of the actual experiments on YouTube.
- Create a flow chart of instructions on how to make a formula feed or change a nappy.

Unit 5 – Play and Learning

Throughout this unit you will discover the importance of play for children's learning and development. You will be able to identify the different types of play and their benefits.

- Can you think of an activity that would promote children's curiosity and imagination? What resources would you require? What would be the role of the practitioner during the activity?
- Read or watch the story of Genie Wiley, what were the effects on Genie's development of the lack of interaction and engagement with others?

Unit 6 – Understanding Additional Needs

This unit focuses on conditions and disorders that result in a child requiring additional support. You will explore various conditions in depth and gain knowledge of the role of the practitioner in supporting children and families.

- Create a fact file about one learning disability that may affect children's development, for example, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia.
- What is meant by the terms 'equality', 'inclusion' and 'diversity'?