

Diploma in Pre-school Practice (DPP)

Duration: 240 taught hours + 150 work placement + 200 hours self-reflective practice

Ideal for: Anyone who wishes to work at a supervisory level in an early years setting as leader, manager or deputy. The specialist unit 'Working with Children with Special Educational Needs' is a popular choice for those interested in taking on the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Aim: To study the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to administer and organise a pre-school setting. The course also aims to provide insight into the challenges of leadership in a pre-school setting.

You will cover:

Three core units:

- Understanding and promoting the development of pre-school children
- Providing learning communities for pre-school children and their families
- Making the pre-school setting a supportive and safe environment

You will also be offered a choice of one out of three specialist options:

- Supporting parents with literacy, numeracy and language needs in a pre-school setting
- Working with children with disabilities and special educational needs and their families in a pre-school setting
- Working in a parent-managed pre-school setting

Additional information:

The award can be undertaken either as:

- four individual courses
- one 240 taught hour course

Note: You must ensure that you can work in an early years setting for a minimum of 150 hours, for the duration of the course.

RR Recommended reading:

- *Making Their Day: Providing for two-year-olds in pre-schools and mixed age settings* (Pre-school Learning Alliance)
- *Planning a Pre-school Curriculum: Making it work for you* (Pre-school Learning Alliance)

What next? Why not try...

CACHE Level 4 Certificate in Managing Quality Services or the Early Years Sector-Endorsed Foundation Degree

'On the Diploma course I learned a great deal about health, safety and hygiene as well as about curriculum content and planning.'

- David Heap, Pre-school Deputy Supervisor

i Ofsted requires the leader and deputy leader of a setting to hold a Level 3 qualification such as the CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Pre-school Practice. In order to offer good quality provision, the Pre-school Learning Alliance recommends that additional members of staff also hold Level 3 qualifications.

Distance learning

This approach to learning is available for the CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Pre-school Practice and the CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Pre-school Practice. This convenient mode of learning and training is highly appropriate for those students who wish to organise their studies around work and personal commitments. You benefit from studying at your own pace, with a personal tutor available to help and advise you. Contact the National Extension College for further information:

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'Distance learning meant I could study for the Diploma in my own time and at home. My tutor was great and very supportive and the course materials are well written.' - Susan Colton-Smith, parent