



Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare

SGS pride ourselves on our longstanding and proud reputation in providing excellence in Health and Social Care and Children and Young Peoples services. The Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare is the new qualification and requirement for all those working in a residential childcare setting.

The qualification has been developed by the Department for Education, Skills for Care and Development and the employers in the industry following a review of the existing residential childcare qualifications. This was driven by the Secretary of State for Children and Families in light of the recent reports highlighting the shortfalls in residential childcare.

What is involved in studying this course?

Learners must achieve a minimum of 61 credits overall to achieve the qualification. 53 credits are achieved by completing the mandatory units which are broken down into four areas, all of which are specific to residential care:

Core Knowledge

This area covers topics such as child development, safeguarding and supporting children and young people who have experienced harm or abuse.

Core Skills

This area covers topics such as communication, risk management, assessment and planning and supporting group living.

Achieving outcomes

In this section a wider range of topics are covered. For example supporting attachment and positive relationships, well-being and resilience, achievement of learning potential and socially aware behaviour.

Professional practice

This area covers topics such as professional development and supporting the rights, diversity and equality of children and young people. Learners must then complete three further optional units (minimum of 8 credits) from a list of units relevant to the residential childcare setting such as understanding the care system and its impact on children and young people.

Who is this suitable for?

The Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare is the new qualification designed to support learners who want to work in a care role in residential childcare and who have not previously achieved an existing relevant qualification.

How will I be assessed?

It 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, professional discussion, witness testimonies and written questions.

Do I need to be working to take the qualification?

Yes, you will need to be working as you need to show competence in both knowledge and skills.

What is the age range of this qualification?

Age range gives focus to early years with both qualifications requiring competency assessment 0-5 years and knowledge 0-7 years.

How long does it take to complete?

The course should be completed in 12 months.

Is this course funded via 24+ loan?

Yes this course qualifies for a 24+ loan. Please ask for further details

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