

RQF Level 5 Diploma In Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development

Background Information

The Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Children's Care, Learning and Development is the ideal qualification if you work as a senior practitioner, deputy manager or assistant manager within early years and children and young peoples' settings, including:

- Integrated children's centres
- Approved home care
- Out of school settings
- Day nurseries or crèches
- Family centres
- Playgroups.

The Level 5 Diploma course will require a high standard of commitment to independent learning and managing of time. The course aims to provide learners with the skills and knowledge needed to manage, practice and lead others in children's care, learning and development.

The modules studied will include:

- Professional practice
- Leading and managing a team
- Leading practice that supports positive outcome
- Recruitment and selection within children's and young people's settings
- Managing induction in children's and young people's settings
- Developing and implementing policies and procedures to support the safeguarding of children and young people
- Promoting creativity and creative learning
- Supporting equality, diversity and inclusion
- Developing health and safety, and risk management policies, procedures and practices.

The assessment methods will include:

- Projects/Assignments
- Direct observation of candidate's performance by a qualified occupationally competent assessor
- Professional discussion
- Candidate/reflective accounts
- Case studies

The personal benefits of the course will include:

- Good relationship between learner and Early Years staff
- Holistic approach to career
- General understanding of sector and its requirements
- Use of highly skilled Early Years Specialists as tutors and assessors
- A sound understanding of the work placement of the learner

The impact of the course will include:

- A rigorous approach to course content, improving outcomes for children.
- A link back into settings relating to continual performance and development with employer.

Entry Requirements

Candidates who wish to apply for the RQF Level 5 Diploma will require the following qualifications:

- Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education or equivalent.
- Employed as a manager/leader or assistant manager/leader in an early years or Sure Start setting.
- Have evidence of competence in written and spoken English and Numeracy.
- Minimum of grade C GCSE or equivalent in written and spoken English and Numeracy.

Please note, evidence of qualifications will be required at interview.

Successful candidates will require written authorisation of release, signed by setting manager / line manager / committee.

The Level 5 Diploma is not approved for those who are under 18 years of age.

Duration

Two years part-time (dependent on route taken).

Delivery

Possible options include regional, headquarters or organised community based approach.

Application Process

Completed application forms should be submitted no later than **Monday 16 July 2018**. Applications should be sent to Sally Moore, Early Years HQ, 6c Wildflower Way, Apollo Road, Belfast, BT12 6TA or by email to sallym@early-years.org.

Shortlisting will take place on Wednesday 18 July 2018. It is anticipated that interviews will take place on Wednesday 25 July 2018. Successful candidates will be required to attend an induction evening to be held on Wednesday 5 September / Thursday 6 September (tbc), at Early Years Headquarters.

Fees

The cost of the course is £1600 plus a registration fee, required by City & Guilds, of £181. (Please note we do not offer a monthly payment plan). Successful candidates will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of £500 by Friday 7 September 2018.