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## Portal Childcare Suite of Qualifications

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## Childcare (CCPLD) Pathway

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Foundation apprenticeship in children's care, play, learning and development	Apprenticeship in children's care, play, learning and development	Professional practice in children's care, play, learning and development and Preparing for leadership and management in children's care, play, learning and development	Leadership and management in children's care, play, learning and development

## Welsh medium delivery information

As a proud bi-lingual company, we offer Welsh delivery. All resources produced by Portal are available through the medium of Welsh, however where a Welsh equivalent does not exist, websites and published reading materials are only available through the medium of English.

## Eligibility

Individuals who:

- Have the right to work in the UK
- Have a contract of employment for at least 16 hours a week
- Are not following any other Welsh Government funded programmes
- Do not hold a degree in the same area of study as the apprenticeship programme

We would need to discuss your role, responsibilities and employment duration within your role.

## Level 2 Foundation Apprenticeship in Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development

### Who is this course for?

The Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development Apprenticeship Framework is for people who work with children in settings or services, where the main purpose is to provide care, learning and development through play e.g.

- Nurseries
- Childminders
- Day care
- Cylchoedd Meithrin
- Creches
- Flying Start settings

### Learner Benefits

- Completing this qualification enables learners to develop their knowledge and understanding and apply in practice:
  - the core principles and values which underpin children's care, learning and development
  - child-centred approaches to care, play, learning and development
  - literacy, numeracy and digital competency skills as appropriate within their role
- It will encourage learners to reflect on practice to ensure continuous improvement and support progression on to further study or employment within the sector

### Employer benefits

- Supports the continued development of a high quality workforce with a shared and current understanding of early years and child care practice
- Ensures staff are occupationally competent and experienced to deliver child care and contribute to an effective workforce that ensures the safety, educational and personal development of children
- Ensures a continued high quality child care provision that supports working families to join or remain in the workforce

### Core Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development:

#### Mandatory units

Health, well-being, learning and development
Principle and values of children's care, play, learning and development (0-19 years of age)
Health and safety in children's care, play, learning and development
Professional practice as an early years childcare worker
Safeguarding children

#### Essential Skills

Communication – level 1
Application of number - level 1

### Practice Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development:

#### Mandatory units

Supporting core practice in children's care, play, learning and development
Supporting play, learning, growth and development
Responding to signs of potential illness and infestation/infection
Supporting nutrition and hydration in early years

#### Optional Units Example optional units include:

Supporting the care of 0-2 year olds
Supporting the care of 2-3 year olds
Supporting the care of 3-7 year olds

Qualification Level	Course Duration	Cost (Exc VAT)
Level 2	 16 Months	 Fully Funded

# Level 3 Apprenticeship in Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development

## Who is this course for?

The Level 3 Apprenticeship Framework is for those working with children where the main purpose is to provide care, learning and development through play within:

- Roles could include:**
- Manager
  - Nursery Practitioner
  - Senior Nursery Practitioner/Room Leader
  - Child Minder
  - Integrated Children’s Centre Practitioner
  - Creche Leader/Practitioner
  - Early Years Health Support Workers.

## Learner Benefits

- Completing this qualification enables learners to develop their knowledge and understanding and apply in practice:
  - the core principles and values which underpin children’s care, learning and development
- It will encourage learners to reflect on practice to ensure continuous improvement and support progression on to further study or employment within the sector.

## Employer Benefits

- Supports the continued development of a high quality workforce with a shared and current understanding of early years and child care practice
- Ensures staff are occupationally competent and experienced to deliver child care and contribute to an effective workforce that ensures the safety, educational and personal development of children
- Ensures a continued high quality child care provision that supports working families to join or remain in the workforce.

Core Level 2:	Practice Level 3:
Mandatory units	Mandatory units
Principle and values of children’s care, play, learning and development (0-19 years of age)	Promoting the care of 2-3 year olds
Health, well-being, learning and development	Promoting work with 3-7 year olds
Professional practice as an early years childcare worker	Promoting the acquisition of a new language through immersion
Safeguarding children	Promoting and supporting speech, language and communication skills
Health and safety in children’s care, play, learning and development	
Essential Skills	Optional Units Example optional units include:
Communication – level 1	Supporting the care of 2-3 year olds
Application of number - level 1	Supporting the care of 3-7 year olds

Qualification Level	Course Duration	Cost (Exc VAT)
Level 3	 18 Months	 Fully Funded

# Level 4 Professional Practice and Preparing for Leadership and Management in Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development

## Who is this course for?

Individuals working with families and children under the age of 8 in regulated childcare settings.

It is for people already working in the sector who wish to develop their knowledge and skills and become advanced practitioners or leaders and managers within the sector. People undertaking this course will have considerable experience (and already have a qualification at level 3) in children’s care or early years practice and it is anticipated that these workers will be over 19 years of age. Individuals undertaking this framework must have a management role or be undertaking leadership or management activities to provide the evidence required for the competence qualification.

## Learner Benefits

The qualification allows learners to progress their employment opportunities or to continue to further study at a higher level

Develop and demonstrate that they understand and apply in practice a range of leadership and management concepts, theories and techniques

Can reflect on their own and others’ knowledge, leadership and management styles and understand how these impact on those they work with, both within and outside of their setting.

## Employer Benefits

Leaders and managers that use child-centred approaches in practice

Leaders and managers that improve the service and performance within children’s care, play and learning.

Units for Level 4 Professional Practice in Children’s Care, Learning and Development	Units for Preparing for Leadership and Management in Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development
Unit Title	Unit Title
Leading child centred practice	Leading child centred practice
Study skills	
Working with families and carers to develop parenting skills or	Theoretical frameworks for leadership and management
Working with children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) or	
Recognising and supporting children with additional learning needs (ALN)	Understand how to lead and manage effective team performance
Essential Skills	
Communication – level 2	Application of number - level 2

Qualification Level	Course Duration	Cost (Exc VAT)
Level 4	 18 Months	 Fully Funded

# Level 5 Professional Practice in Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development

## Who is this course suitable for?

Individuals who wish to become occupationally competent as advanced practitioners or leaders and managers within the childcare sector.

Individuals completing this qualification will have considerable experience in children's care or early years practice and must have a management role or be undertaking leadership or management activities. It is particularly relevant to those managing nurseries, Flying Start provision, or for those delivering the curriculum for 3-7 year olds in Foundation Phase settings in Wales

Applicants must already have a qualification at level 3 and the level 4 Preparing for Leadership and Management in Children's Care, Play Learning and Development.

## Learner Benefits

The qualification allows learners to progress their employment opportunities or to continue to further study at a higher level

Apply in practice a range of leadership and management concepts, theories and techniques

Can reflect on their own and others' knowledge, leadership and management styles and understand how these impact on those they work with, both within and outside of their setting.

## Employer Benefits

Leaders and managers that use child-centred approaches in practice

Leaders and managers that can improve the service and performance within children's care, play and learning in line with regulatory standards

Opportunity to develop their own future managers and offer 'acting up' positions for their staff who can be given additional responsibilities in order to complete the requirements of the qualifications.

Mandatory Units	Example Optional Units
Unit Title	Unit Title
Lead and manage child centre practice	Lead and manage health, well-being and creative learning within childcare provision
Lead and manage effective team performance	
Lead and manage the quality of workplace/setting	
Professional practice	Lead and manage speech, language and communication skills
Lead and manage practice that promotes the safeguarding of children	
Lead and manage health, safety and security in the workplace/setting	
Essential Skills	
Communication – level 2	Application of Number - level 2

Qualification Level	Course Duration	Cost (Exc VAT)
Level 5	 18 Months	 Fully Funded

## Next Steps

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