

**Session 2009/2010**

## **NVQ LEVEL 3 IN CHILDREN'S CARE, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Part-time Course Duration:** 1/2 years  
plus work based assessment by observation and Portfolio.

**Day:** Tuesday  
**Time:** 6.30 – 8.30  
**Start Date:** Continuous

### **Course Outline**

This programme is a nationally designed and recognised course which covers the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to work with children from 0-16 years of age.

The aim is to provide a level 3 qualification for those who already work in an early years setting, including schools and nurseries. You will be recognised as a Child Care Practitioner and be qualified to seek employment or progress to Higher Education.

What is an NVQ?

A National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) assesses your competence in the workplace against a set of national occupational standards. You also have to show that you have knowledge and understanding of the theoretical aspects of the areas you are being assessed in. You will need to build a portfolio of evidence on schedule.

You will be observed by an Assessor in your setting, performing your normal duties. You should be working with children aged 0 - 16 years and should become involved in the planning process (of activities/curriculum).

### **Course Content**

The course is organised in the following way:

Throughout the week (as appropriate) – work based (voluntary/employed) in Children's Care setting, for example, schools, day nurseries, pre-schools.

College based sessions as necessary to deliver:-

2 hour sessions underpinning knowledge and portfolio building session, covering the relevant mandatory and optional units.

## **Assessment**

This will be based on a portfolio which includes evidence of assessment in the workplace.

## **Entry requirements**

- Successful completion of initial assessment and the ability to study at Level 2 in Literacy and Numeracy
- Prior experience of working with children in a **supervisory role**
- Applicants will need to work in a Child Care setting for approximately 16 hours per week
- Entry is dependant on interview with a member of the team
- 2 references will be required, one of which must be relevant to child care experience
- Satisfactory CRB check
- Proof of identification (passport, photo driving licence)

Apprenticeships are available to young people aged 16 – 24 (inclusive) who are not in full-time education and are following NVQ Level 2 Key Skills and a Technical Certificate.

## **Career Opportunities/Progression**

Successful candidates may be able to progress onto the Level 4 Qualification in a similar subject or work in a Level 3 role in various Childcare settings.

## **How to Apply**

Application forms can be obtained from the Enrolment Centre, telephone 01785-275607. You can also download an application form for part-time courses by visiting our website [www.staffordcoll.ac.uk](http://www.staffordcoll.ac.uk). The completed form should be returned to Enrolment Centre, Stafford College, Earl Street, Stafford, ST16 2QR.

## **Further Information**

If you would like any more information about the College or our courses, then write, visit, or telephone The Enrolment Centre on 01785 275607. Our e-mail address is: [enquiries@staffordcoll.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@staffordcoll.ac.uk). If you are unsure about which course to take, we can arrange for you to get the advice you need from a member of our guidance team.

## **Equality and Diversity**

Stafford College is committed to achieving equality of opportunity for all staff, students and members of the community it serves. In doing so, the College will actively work to achieve equality regardless of age, race, skin colour, disability, gender, marital status, sexuality and faith.

## **Contact Details**

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