



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

## **OCR Level 2 Certificate in the Children and Young People's Workforce for England (601/4298/4)**

### **Overview**

This qualification is suitable for students aged 16 and above who are working part time, paid or unpaid, in an Early Years/Child Care setting, or in the role of Early Years Assistant/Worker or Apprentice Early Years Assistant/Worker.

Students do not need any specific knowledge or prior achievement to take this qualification. This qualification has been designed so it can be delivered in an occupational setting including those mentioned above.

This qualification is confirmation of competence in the role of Early Years / Child Care Assistant.

### **What does this qualification cover?**

The content of the qualification covers mandatory areas of knowledge and skill in relation to the occupational role, including:

- Communication
- Inclusion
- Equality
- Child and Young person development
- Support Child and Young person development
- Personal development
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Contribute to the support of positive environments for children and young people
- Understand partnership working in services for children and young people

Additionally students will undertake further learning related to the needs of the setting in which they are working and the children / young people who they are working with. This qualification also enables students to develop other desirable skills, including decision making and team-working.

To achieve this qualification the student must be assessed in the workplace undertaking their role. The college delivering this qualification must work in partnership with employers in the delivery of this learning programme, through placement/employment opportunities.

### **What could this qualification lead to?**

This qualification is intended to provide students with a good starting point within the sector; working under supervision (e.g. pre-school assistant, nursery assistant). The qualification can lead to further employment in a range of Early Years / Child Care settings.

Level 2 is Entry Level for most settings, and students may have the opportunity to progress in their employment to higher levels or different roles upon the achievement of this qualification.

Level 2 is the entry / basic level qualification for these roles within this sector.

Other qualifications exist for workers with more responsibility and experience, at Level 3.

This qualification can be the start of a career pathway within Early Years and Child Care with students able to progress through higher levels of learning as their experience and responsibility increases.