

# Certificate in Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses

Level 2    ::    142 TQT    ::    120 GLH

If you care for babies or young children in a personal or professional capacity, it is crucial that you have a good understanding of childhood illnesses. This includes understanding why babies and children may become unwell, being able to spot the signs of a developing illness and knowing what to do in these situations.

Candidates begin this course by learning about a wide range of infectious illnesses that babies and young children are particularly vulnerable to and the precautions that can be taken to reduce the chances of children developing an infectious illness or spreading it to others in an early years setting.

As well as infectious illnesses, candidates will also look at other conditions that can make a child unwell or distressed, such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and food allergies. The course concludes by looking at accidents and incidents that commonly involve babies and young children, such as bumps to the head (and possible concussion), burns and scalds and choking, focusing upon the actions staff should take in these situations to safeguard a child in their care.

## Who's it for?

This qualification is suitable for anyone wanting to increase their knowledge and understanding of common childhood illnesses so that they can support the well-being of babies and young children they support and care for.

## What are the benefits of doing this course?

As well as attaining a nationally recognised qualification upon completion, candidates will gain a thorough understanding of the reasons why babies and children may become unwell. Candidates will examine how infectious illnesses are spread in an early years setting and how good personal hygiene and cleanliness routines can protect children from certain illnesses.

Candidates will also learn how common childhood illnesses are treated and how to effectively respond to medical emergencies involving a baby or child in their care. For example, they will look at how to recognise and respond to suspected meningitis, asthma attacks, hypoglycaemia and severe allergic reactions.

The course also provides employers with a structured training programme, giving peace of mind that staff are equipped with the knowledge they need to support children who may become unwell in the early years setting.



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### Progression opportunities

By undertaking this programme, learners will be able to further their own continuous professional development, which may improve their career prospects. Learners may then progress on to further qualifications, such as other courses in childcare or related subjects.

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### Information for learning centres:

**Qualification reference number:**

603/3115/X

**Awarding organisation:**

NCFE CACHE (see [www.cache.org.uk](http://www.cache.org.uk))

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### Course content

The Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses comprises three mandatory units that are presented in two concise modular workbooks:

#### MODULE A:

*Unit 1: Understand how to provide a safe and healthy environment for babies and young children.*

#### MODULE B:

*Unit 2: Understand common childhood illnesses.*

*Unit 3: Understand health emergencies and specific health conditions in an early years setting.*

### Entry requirements

Learners should be aged 16 and over, but otherwise there are no specific entry requirements for this programme.

### Course delivery and assessment

Hallmark publishes all the learning materials required to complete the qualification. These materials have been reviewed and officially endorsed by the awarding organisation, NCFE CACHE. This means that our learning materials have gone through a rigorous assessment procedure. Official AO endorsement gives providers the peace of mind that our resources are 'fit for purpose' and enable learners to meet all the learning outcomes in their chosen qualification.

The learning materials comprise a set of high-quality knowledge workbooks that are designed to suit a range of delivery methods. Within these workbooks, learners have the opportunity to work through a series of reflective activities that are designed to reinforce the learning process and test their knowledge. The materials also include assessment booklets that allow learners to complete a portfolio of evidence and demonstrate their achievement of all the learning outcomes associated with each unit. Hallmark also provides a comprehensive tutor guide to support centres delivering this qualification.

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