



Qualifications from NCFE CACHE will continue to provide global recognition of specialist Early Years educators through the Montessori Group

CACHE, the UK's leading sector specialist in health, care and education, is proud to be working with the Montessori Group to support and develop the Montessori trainee and practitioner community across the world.

Montessori Centre International (MCI), part of the Montessori Group, is now an approved centre for NCFE (CACHE) and looks forward to offering a range of regulated qualifications including the NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator) and the NCFE CACHE Level 4 Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy - Birth to Seven (Early Years Educator).

Host centres, recognised by MCI's STAR framework, are up and running from Autumn 2021 and these Diploma qualifications, alongside a wide and varied professional portfolio from MCI are open for applications; register your interest today info@montessori.org.uk

Students can undertake these specialist Level Three and Level Four Early Years qualifications through a blended, connected learning experience with their practice based anywhere in the world. The virtual learning platform, the Holistic Online Montessori Environment (HOME), ensures that all learners are offered virtual learning access, one-to-one tutorial support, group seminars and essential placement hours within Early Years settings.

The qualifications have been built to meet the criteria for Early Years educators required by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) and developed in response to the Department for Education and NCTL's More Great Childcare report.

Delivering expert Early Years education and care requires essential knowledge, behaviours and skills, combined with a keen appreciation of the privilege of caring for young people. These expertly developed and academically approved qualifications offer diverse training and a specialist approach to Early Years education, proving a continued investment in blended, connected learning by the collaborators.

Preeti Patel, Head of Education at MCI, said:

"Post-pandemic, there is an increasing demand for a new approach to education from parents and educators – and ensuring we have high-quality Early Years education is absolutely vital to this. We very much look forward to seeing the impact that our broad course portfolio will have in the months and years to come."

Janet King, Sector Manager Education and Childcare CACHE, said:

"As an educational charity, NCFE (CACHE) has a core purpose to promote and advance learning. We believe that through shaping smarter learning, we can empower a fairer society, create opportunities to progress, change lives for the better and importantly, ensure no learner is left behind."

“Montessori Centre International (MCI) shares our vision to unlock potential and through its work, the team enables educators to improve the quality of what they do, through a holistic and integrative approach. It’s vital that EYE students have high quality training opportunities as they’re ultimately responsible for giving babies and young children the best possible start in life – our Montessori qualifications make a massive contribution to this work. We look forward to continuing to work with MCI in the future, as we combine our specialisms and expertise for the benefit of the workforce.”

Karen Chetwynd, Director of Academic Quality and Partnerships, said:

“Montessori Centre International is dedicated to excellence when it comes to training for the Early Years and supporting professional in the education sector.

“Our renewed collaboration with CACHE (through NCFE) helps graduates and trainees receive the highest quality early years practitioner and educator training secures our commitment to increasing access – both in the UK and internationally – for our vast community of educational professionals, ensuring that they receive insight into the vital knowledge and skills they need to successfully complete transferable and highly valuable qualifications.

“These specialist qualifications will connect educators with the Montessori approach, and we’re excited to see them develop a secure understanding of practice and be encouraged to promote positive learning experiences for children wherever they may choose to practice.”