



Level 3 Award for

Special Educational Needs Coordinators in Early Years Settings

Qualification facts

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About this qualification

The Early Years Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) qualification is for a Level 3 practitioner in a private, voluntary or independent setting. All early years providers are required to have arrangements in place to identify and support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and to promote equality of opportunity for children in their care. This is an important role to ensure the best possible educational outcomes are achieved for children with SEND.

The qualification is designed for those already working in a SENCo role as part of their early years practitioner role, or those who are interested in doing so.

This qualification is also appropriate for childminders.

This qualification aims to:

- explore the role and responsibilities of the Special Educational Needs Coordinator in an early years setting
- understand the strategies and techniques for supporting children and their families
- increase knowledge of SEND codes of practice.

The objectives of this qualification are to help learners to:

- progress to further and higher education
- develop new practical skills in health and social care.

Entry requirements

Learners must be at least 16 years old. We do not set any other entry requirements but centres may have their own guidelines.

Qualification Structure

To achieve this qualification, learners are required to successfully complete 2 mandatory units.

Unit ref no.	Unit no.	Unit Title	Unit type	Level	GL
A/617/1651	Unit 1	Roles and responsibilities of the Special Educational Needs Coordinator in the Early Years	Mandatory	3	12
F/617/1652	Unit 2	Strategies and techniques for supporting children and families	Mandatory	3	12

Guided Learning Hours: 24

Total Qualification Time: 34

Assessment

Portfolio of evidence. A non-mandatory internal assessment task will be provided to be completed at the end of the qualification. This qualification does not include an external assessment.

Progression

Upon achievement of this qualification, learners will be able to progress to higher learning in Special Education Needs and other relevant sectors.

Complementary qualifications/subjects

This qualification is suitable for those interested in pursuing careers in the following areas:

- Health and social care
- Childhood studies
- Community, youth and families
- Social work
- Early years
- Primary teaching
- Nursing

For more information

Full details of this qualification can be found on QualHub.

