

## HRC CoVE – Children’s Care, Learning and Development



Hertford Regional College was awarded CoVE status on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2005 for excellent work and achievement – in particular the NVQ provision for Childcare programmes through the Ware Assessment Centre – part of the Department of Care and Early Years Education. The CoVE is one of only 18 childcare CoVEs countrywide and is the only one in Hertfordshire.

CoVEs are specialist areas of vocational provision characterised by close links between colleges, other providers, employers and the community. They aim to produce appropriately qualified and skilled workers with excellent employment and career prospects which meet the needs of the local economy.

The aim of the HRC Children’s Care, Learning and Development CoVE is to develop the partnership with employers to help more adults gain the skills needed to improve employability and employers’ productivity.

Ware Assessment Centre (WAC) currently offers child care NVQ programmes for people working in early years settings, playwork environments such as after-school clubs and holiday playschemes, with people who care for children in residential settings such as foster carers and childminders, or with children in health environments such as health visitor assistants or school nurse assistants. WAC also has programmes for people supporting families, as well as for people who support children in the school environment such as teaching assistants or learning support workers.

HRC’s CoVE is unique in that, in line with the new National Occupational Standards for child care workers, it focuses on people working with children from 0-18 years.

If you are working in such an environment and would like to know more about gaining qualifications which recognise your experience and expertise, please contact Ware Assessment Centre situated on the Ware site of Hertford Regional College, on 01992 411938.