

LEVEL 3 EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR

Duration of the Apprenticeship

16 Months

Apprenticeship Overview

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Early Years Educators, and other job roles such as nursery nurse and childminders, are highly trained professionals who play a key role in ensuring that young children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe.

They work in a range of settings including full day care, children's centres, pre-schools, reception classes and as childminders. They may either be working on their own or supervising others to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements set by Government for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old.

Entry requirements

Candidates will be required to undertake Initial Assessments in Maths and English and achieve a Level 1 outcome prior to completion of their apprenticeship and prove eligibility for employment requirements.

Functional Skills

All apprentices will need to undertake Functional Skills in Maths & English at Level 2 as a mandatory part of their Apprenticeship. Candidates who have achieved GCSE's or A levels in Maths & English A-C will be exempt from having to complete their functional skills with valid proof of their exemption certificates.

Industry Qualification

Apprentices must successfully complete the Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid. (RQF) or Level 3 Award in Emergency Paediatric First Aid (RQF) to meet the EYFS requirements.

Progression opportunities

Apprentices can progress to the Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner or other higher-level early years qualifications.

Programme Overview

An Early Years Educator will:

- Plans and supervises child initiated and adult led activities which are based around the needs and interests of each individual child.
- Supports children to develop numeracy and language skills through games and play. Has key person responsibility to help ensure each child feels safe and secure.
- Observes each child and shapes their learning experience to reflect their observations
- Meets the care needs of the individual child such as feeding, changing nappies and administration of medicine.
- Works in partnership with other colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals to meet the individual needs of each child.

With additional experience, an Early Years Educator can become the manager of an early years setting. Individuals will undergo all the checks as per the EYFS requirements to ensure suitability to work with children.

End Point Assessment

The EPA consists of 2 discrete assessment methods with the following grades:

Assessment method 1: Knowledge Test

- Fail
- Pass

Assessment method 2: Professional Discussion underpinned by the Portfolio

- Fail
- Pass
- Distinction

End-Point Grading

Overall performance in the EPA will determine the overall apprenticeship standard and grade of:

- Fail
- Pass
- Distinction