

Early Years Educator – Level 3

Overview

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, preschools, reception classes and as childminders.

Course Duration and Cost

Typical 18 months on programme (practical period) and 3 months End Point Assessment.

This apprenticeship standard has been allocated a maximum funding cap of £6000, which is the anticipated cost for delivering this apprenticeship standard the end point assessment.

What will be covered

- Plan and supervise activities
- Support development of numeracy and language skills
- Safeguarding responsibilities
- Shaping a child's learning experiences
- Meeting the care needs of children
- Working in partnership with others

Delivery model

This Apprenticeship Standard will be typically delivered with a blended learning approach. This includes classroom teaching, tutorials, collaborative and independent learning.

Mandatory qualifications include the Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Educator and a Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid.

Off-the-job training

All apprentices are required to achieve a minimum of 20% off-the-job training throughout their Practical Period. Off-the-job training is received during the apprentice's normal working hours for the purpose of achieving new skills, knowledge and behaviours that are directly relevant to their chosen apprenticeship standard. Off-the-job training will be planned prior to the apprenticeship starting, in the form of a training plan, and will meet the needs of the employer, the college and the apprentice.

Maths and English

All apprentices will develop their English and maths skills during their apprenticeship. Apprentices without Level 2 English and maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking their end point assessment. This may require the apprentice to attend additional classes at college.

Progress Reviews

The apprenticeship includes regular tripartite progress reviews with the apprentice, the employer and the tutor to discuss and monitor progress made towards the apprentices' individual training plan.

End Point Assessment Requirements

This EPA consists of 2 assessment methods with the following grades:

Assessment method 1: Knowledge Test - Pass or Fail

Assessment method 2: Professional Discussion underpinned by the Portfolio - Distinction, Pass or Fail

Performance in the EPA will determine the overall apprenticeship standard and grade of - Distinction, Pass or Fail.

All Apprentices Benefit From:

- Face to face and online support
- Mentoring, networking and career support
- Professional development