



# EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

<b>Level</b>	2
<b>Duration</b>	17 months
<b>Job Examples</b>	Nursery Assistant, Early Years Practitioner, Nursery Practitioner, Nursery Nurse, Assistant Childminder, Nanny and Early Years Worker

This occupation is found in a range of private and public settings including; full day care, children's centres, pre-schools, reception classes, playgroups, nursery schools, home based provision, hospitals, social care settings, out of school environments and local authority provision to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements set by government for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 in both indoor and outdoor environments. Work and interact directly with children on a day to day basis supporting the planning of and delivery of activities. The broad purpose of the occupation is to work and interact directly with children on a day to day basis supporting the planning of and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes within the ethos of the setting. An EYP works as part of a professional team ensuring the welfare and care for children under the guidance and supervision of an Early Years Educator, teacher or other suitably qualified professional the Early Years Workforce.

## THE PROGRAMME

### On programme

- Training to develop the occupation standard's knowledge, skills and behaviours (KSBs).
- Training towards mandated qualifications.
- Compiling a portfolio of evidence.
- Working towards English and maths at level 1 and 2 if required.

### Commitment from the Employer and Staff:

During the Apprenticeship programme, 20% of the contracted working hours will be spent on learning and developing the required Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours. This development time will include learning new relevant tasks within their role, embedding the knowledge within their role, practical workplace training, spending development time with their Line Manager, attending online/face-to-face courses and time writing assignments/assessments including directed self-study hours: evidencing the application knowledge within their working day, independent study and research, shadowing colleagues and mentoring and technical training.

### Qualification and Professional membership

Early Years Practitioner Qualification (level 2)

### Gateway

- Early Years Practitioner Qualification (level 2)
- English & Mathematics at Level 1, and Level 2 attempted 1



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## End point assessment

- Professional discussion underpinned by portfolio
- Knowledge Test

## DELIVERY

### Induction

One day induction to Apprenticeship programme, meeting with a Skills Coach and Delivery Plan agreed.

### In college

One work based and workshop session a month for the duration of Programme.

### Online

Supporting material throughout, including access to smart assessor (e-portfolio).

### Assessment

On programme assessments every 6-8 weeks, including progress reviews every 8-10 weeks.

## KNOWLEDGE/ SKILLS/BEHAVIOURS

### Knowledge

- Safeguarding policies and procedures
- Child protection and online safety
- Safeguarding and security, including child protection
- Risks and hazards in the work setting

### Skills

- Prevention and control of infection
- Implement and review activities to support children's play
- Observe children, assess, plan and record the outcomes
- Use learning activities to support early language development

### Behaviours

- Care and compassion
- Honesty, trust and integrity
- Work in a non-discriminatory way
- Professional Practice

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs, including Maths and English, Apprentices without Level 1 English and maths will need to achieve this level and taken the test for level 2 prior to taking their end point assessment.

## CAREER PROGRESSION

Early Year Educator Level 3.



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