

Apprenticeships

Level 3

Early Years Educator

Apprenticeship Code: ST0135

Sector: Childcare

Length of Delivery

Up to 20 months.

Entry Requirements

Aged 18 or over. Employers can set their own entry requirements; however, learners must be of the right calibre and committed to achieve all components of their apprenticeship.

About the Role

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.

What Apprentices need to learn

Apprentices need to complete 20% off-the-job training during the on-programme phase of their apprenticeship. Early Educators will:

- Plan and supervises child initiated and adult led activities which are based around the needs and interests of each individual child
- Support children to develop numeracy and language skills through games and play
- Has key personal 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

Please go to the Institute of Apprenticeships website for further detail on the standard and assessment www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/early-years-educator/

End Point Assessment (EPA): how apprentices achieve their qualification

Apprentices on an Apprenticeship Standard are required to complete an End Point Assessment (EPA) to achieve their qualification. The end point assessment is designed to assess the knowledge, skills and behaviours gained are sufficient to be awarded the Standard. The EPA consists of 2 discrete assessments methods with the following grading:

- Knowledge test – pass or fail
- Professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence – fail, pass or distinction.

In order to pass, the apprentice must have achieved:

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QRN: 601/2629/2).
- English and Maths at Level 2.
- 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

Level 4 and Level 5 standards.

Next Stage

- If you are an employer please contact our Business Accounts Management lead via team-sales@lcwc.ac.uk, whom will arrange an appointment to support your recruitment needs.
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