

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship

Working in nursery, pre-school or reception



Perfect if you enjoy hands-on learning and are looking for your first job in an Early Years setting, or are looking to enhance your current role

Undertaking the Level 2 Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship will enable you to gain the essential knowledge, skills, and behaviours to help young children thrive in an Early Years setting. You'll be part of a team helping children learn, play and grow every day.

Start a rewarding career working with young children

You'll be supported by our experienced Early Years practitioners who will guide you as you plan creative activities, set up meaningful play experiences, and help children learn and grow through the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Through the programme, you'll:

- ★ Develop confidence, communication, and teamwork skills.
- ★ Learn how to problem-solve and adapt to children's needs.
- ★ Gain a nationally recognised qualification that opens doors to future careers in childcare or education.
- ★ Have opportunities to progress to Level 3 Early Years Educator or other childcare roles.



What will I learn on an Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship?

- ★ An understanding of how babies and young children learn and develop.
- ★ The importance of holistic development, including cognitive, speech, language and communication, physical, emotional, and social development.
- ★ An understanding of how to support assessment and planning and provide an enabling environment for babies and young children.
- ★ Build knowledge of Safeguarding, child protection and promoting the well-being welfare of all babies and young children, including those with additional needs.
- ★ How to work co-operatively with parents/carers, colleagues, and other professionals to enhance babies' and young children's learning, enabling them to make progress.

Progression pathway

Access course to the Level 3 Early Years Educator apprenticeship programme:

Following successful completion of the Level 2 Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship, you may be eligible to progress onto the Level 3 Early Years Practitioner apprenticeship. To be eligible, you must demonstrate competency in all areas of child development.

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How you'll learn

Qualification	Study Style	Duration	Dedicated Tutoring	Additional Qualification	SEND Masterclasses
					
Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship	Self-paced online. Live virtual workshops	13 months + 2 month Apprenticeship Assessment	Termly tutor visits, plus ongoing support from in-school mentor	Paediatric First Aid training	Learn from SEND experts and extend your knowledge

Required Skills, Experience and Qualifications

- **Good with people** - you'll need the ability to build positive relationships with staff and parents.
- **Effective communicators** - clear and confident verbal and written communication skills.
- **Desire to improve the lives of others** - supporting children from birth to five years.

You must have been resident in England for the last three years and have the right to work in the UK

For apprentices aged 16-18

- Grade C or above or 4/5 at GCSE in English
- Grade C or above or 4/5 at GCSE in Maths

If you don't meet the above criteria you will need to work towards your Level 2 Functional Skills as part of your apprenticeship.

Functional Skills Level 2: An alternative to GCSEs and equivalent to a Grade 4. We can support you if you'd like to gain these qualifications.

For apprentices aged 19+

- No qualifications are required if you are aged 19+ (although it is desirable to have Maths and English GCSE at Grade C/Level 4 or above)

To become a Teacher: You'll need GCSEs (grade 4/C+) in English, Maths, and Science for primary, plus a bachelor's degree in any subject. Without a degree, you can choose a Teacher Degree Apprenticeship. (Note: A-levels will be required).

Applying for an apprenticeship

You can apply for an apprenticeship while you're still at school, but you'll need to be 16 or over by the end of the summer holidays to start the apprenticeship.

For full details and to apply, visit our website, or contact our Recruitment Team via email at vacancies@esfapprenticeships.co.uk

