

Apprenticeship EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER Level 3

Why study this course?

Completing this apprenticeship programme will enable you to continue in the workforce as a qualified Early Years Practitioner and to be counted in the level 3 staff:child ratios in early years settings. CACHE is the leading awarding organisation in the care sector. They have surpassed the minimum requirements to develop a qualification which reflects the priorities of practitioners and employers to meet the needs of young children.

Who is the course aimed at?

- ▶ Day nursery practitioner
- ▶ Nursery school practitioner
- ▶ Reception class practitioner (in primary schools)
- ▶ Pre-school worker

What will you study

You will explore a variety of topics which are structured around the following themes:

- ▶ Health and well-being
- ▶ Legislation, frameworks and professional practice
- ▶ Play, development and learning for school readiness

Qualification gained

- ▶ Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)
- ▶ Level 2 Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT (if required)
- ▶ Level 2 Understand Employment Responsibilities and Rights in Health, Social Care or Children and Young People's Settings

Knowledge and skills you will develop

- ▶ Provide high quality care and education for children aged 0-5 years
- ▶ Develop and implement risk assessments and follow legislation relating to the health and safety of children
- ▶ Demonstrate best practice and act as a positive role model for the children
- ▶ Follow the principles for equality, diversity and inclusion
- ▶ Safeguard and protect children, understand relevant legislation and welfare requirements
- ▶ Promote and support children's healthy lifestyles, physical care routines and emotional well-being
- ▶ Observe, plan and assess children's learning and development in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum
- ▶ Understand the value of play in the early years and links to theoretical perspectives.
- ▶ Understand and support children's transitions, prepare for school readiness
- ▶ Support children with additional needs
- ▶ Take responsibility for own development of skills and knowledge, engage in professional development

Progression to further study

- ▶ Level 4 Advanced Practitioner
- ▶ Level 5 Leadership and Management

Alternatively you can pursue careers such as teaching or children's nursing.

Behaviours you will develop

- ▶ Good communication and teamwork skills
- ▶ Flexibility, honesty, and patience
- ▶ Ability to improve own learning and performance

Entry requirements

Learners should be at least 16 years old.

An initial assessment of English and Maths will be carried out prior to enrolment, a minimum level 1 functional skills is required.

Maths, English and ICT Functional Skills Level 2 will be studied as part of the qualification if the apprentice does not already have GCSE grade C/4 or above in these subjects.

Satisfactory DBS clearance.

Successful interview.

How long will it last?

Typical duration: 18-24 months

How will it be delivered?

You will attend college taught sessions one evening a week for 12 months.

The competency requirements will largely be delivered in the workplace environment, via regular assessor visits and one to one tutorials.

Further details

- ▶ Further details on this standard can be found online at: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org

Who to contact

- ▶ For more information please contact our Workforce Development Team on 01704 392874