

## Apprenticeship

### Early Years Practitioner Level 2

**Gain advanced experience and formal qualifications while earning as you learn.**

**We can help you find a job in a childcare/early years setting or if you already work in the industry, help you gain formal qualifications.**

**Enhance your career prospects with the potential to progress to higher level qualifications and more senior roles.**

## Qualification Gained:

### Early Years Practitioner Level 2

Institute of Apprenticeships  
Reference Number: ST0888

### Level 2 Functional Skills Maths and English (if required)

#### Progression

Upon completion, you can progress into a number of career paths in the Educational sector including Early Years Educator Level 3, Classroom Assistant, and Nursery Support.

You may also progress your training further and undertake the Level 3 Early Years Educator apprenticeship, or work towards other relevant qualifications related to your role in the workplace.

#### Further details

Further details can be found at  
[InstituteforApprenticeships.org](https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org)

#### Who to contact

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#### Who is this course aimed at?

Apprentices will 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 Early Years Practitioner works as part of a professional team under the guidance and supervision of an Early Years Educator, teacher or other suitably qualified professional in the Early Years Workforce.

Job roles may include:

- + Early Years Practitioner/Assistant
- + Nursery Assistant
- + Childcare Care Worker/Assistant
- + Assistant Youth Support
- + Community Worker

#### What will you study?

Learn about the development and care of children from birth to aged five, in both indoor and outdoor environments across a range of childcare settings. You will also work with parents, colleagues, and wider agency professionals/partners such as health visitors, social workers and speech and language therapists, to support the development of young children.

Some of the core competencies the apprentice will learn include:

- + Using play to support children to understand and encourage healthy life choices
- + Identifying issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring that the welfare and safety of children is promoted and safeguarded
- + Using knowledge of child development to work with parents and carers to improve children outcomes and well-being
- + Communicating/engaging with children to support their learning and development

You will be supported to achieve the required level of English and maths or to upskill current qualifications.

#### Entry requirements

- + The apprentice will need to be employed, or find employment, in a relevant childcare setting with an age range from birth to 5.
- + A good standard of education which includes English and maths grade E/3

#### Maths and English

All learners on a Level 2 Apprenticeship will need provide evidence of a minimum Level 1 in Maths and English (or equivalent) prior to entering EPA Gateway.

If you do not have evidence of either Level 1 English or Maths (at least one is required), please speak to the Apprenticeship team for further guidance.

If you have a Level 1 in English or Maths, you will be required to achieve a minimum of Level 1 in all areas prior to Gateway. Once a Level 1 in English and Maths can be evidenced, then Apprentices are required to attend Level 2 Maths and/or English sessions.

#### How long will it last?

Typical duration is 12 months.

#### How will it be delivered?

Delivered primarily in the workplace with one-to-one support from your employer and assessor. This may be supplemented with practical sessions and workshops at Southport College.

Maths and English support is flexible and tailored to your needs.

#### How will it be assessed?

As part of the Early Years Practitioner qualification the apprentice will be assessed entirely in the workplace to achieve evidence towards their portfolio. This may include being observed, writing assignments, looking at work products, having a professional discussion.

At the end of the qualification, once all of the required components, standard, diploma, maths and English have been achieved the learner will be assessed by an independent end point assessment organisation chosen by their employer using the following methods:

- + Assessment method 1: Professional discussion underpinned by portfolio
- + Assessment method 2: Knowledge Test