

Level 3

Early Years Educator

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship Description and Job Overview

This occupation is found in a range of maintained and private, voluntary, and independent settings such as 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.

The broad purpose of the occupation is to provide high quality early education and care to children. Through an evidence-based approach, they provide opportunities and learning experiences for all children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Early years educators follow 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.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with children, parents, carers, colleagues, and wider multi agency professionals such as health visitors, early help services, social workers, and speech and language therapists. This includes supporting children with SEND.

An employee in this occupation will be responsible for ensuring a safe and secure environment for children's learning. They ensure that the learning environment and provision is inclusive and supports all children, and demonstrate a clear understand of equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Early years educators teach and facilitate children's learning and play. They apply the observation, assessment, and planning cycle to support progress and children's development. An early year's educator will act as the key person for one or more children within their setting. They may play a leadership role within the setting or may act under the supervision of a manager.

Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship

Qualification

Level 3 Early Years Educator (Standard Code ST0135)

Training Delivery Campus

NKC Dartford College
Oakfield Lane
Dartford
DA1 2JT

Duration of Apprenticeship

18 months Practical Period - Plus 12 weeks for End Point Assessment

Apprenticeship Entry Requirements

Maths GCSE Grade 4/C or equivalent English
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Mandatory Qualification details

Level 3 Paediatric First Aid or Level Emergency Paediatric First Aid

End Point Assessment Organisation and EPA components

NCFE
Assessment Method 1 - Direct observation with questioning
Assessment Method 2 - Professional discussion underpinned by a
portfolio of evidence

Grading Structure
Fail
Pass
Distinction

Progression Routes

Early Years Lead Practitioner Early
Years Teacher