

Childcare and Teacher Training

Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

You can start an Apprenticeship at any time. The qualification can take up to 17 months to complete.

Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for the course:

- Level 1 Childcare qualification
- GCSE English and Maths grade 4/C or Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Maths
- Undertake the Disclosure and Barring Service process and provide the result
- You will need to find an employer to employ you as an apprentice. Please see our [Apprenticeship vacancies](#).

You will achieve

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard.

Course Overview

As an Early Years Practitioner, you will work and interact directly with children on a day-to-day basis supporting the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes within the ethos of the setting. You will ensure the welfare and care for children under the guidance and supervision of an Early Years Educator, Teacher or other suitably qualified professional the Early Years workforce. In your daily work, you will interact with parents, children, colleagues and wider multi-agency professionals and partners.

If you would like to find out more about this apprenticeship you can visit the Institute for Apprenticeships website. Please click here

[<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/early-years-practitioner/>]

Course Content

You will develop and achieve a range of skills, knowledge and behaviours during your apprenticeship programme as you become a qualified Early Years Practitioner.

You will be completing the occupation duties:

- Work in partnership with other colleagues, parents and/or carers and other professionals to meet the individual needs of each child in line with company policies and procedures.
- Use play to support children to understand and encourage healthy life choices.
- Identify issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring that the welfare and safety of children is promoted and safeguarded and to report any child protection concerns to the person in charge.
- Carry out self-reflection and use continuous professional development opportunities to improve practice.
- Undertake specific tasks related to the safety and hygiene of the children and the cleanliness of the setting.
- Use your knowledge of child development to work with parents and carers to improve children's outcomes and wellbeing, including those with disabilities and additional needs.
- Contribute to the planning and organisation of activities and children's individual experiences which will support and extend the children's learning in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Communicate and engage with children to support their learning and development.
- Support the collection of accurate and up-to-date records which identify children's individual needs, abilities and progress and use these as a basis for future planning.
- Support the wellbeing of all children including those with additional needs and disabilities.

You will achieve the Cache Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard.

Units of study include:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- Health and safety of babies and young children
- Equality, diversity and inclusive practice in Early Years settings
- Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children in Early Years settings
- Understand how to support children's development
- Support care routines for babies and young children
- Support the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes
- Promote play in an Early Years setting
- Support well-being of babies and young children for healthy lifestyles
- Support babies and young children to be physically active
- Support the needs of babies and young children with Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Promote positive behaviour in Early Years settings
- Partnership working in the Early Years setting
- Support the needs of the child in preparing for school

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by your trainer using an e-portfolio of evidence, observations in the workplace and longitudinal study.

You will go through an End Point Assessment including:

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

What Equipment Will I Need?

You will need to have access to a computer or laptop and the internet as you will be creating an e-portfolio.

Where will I study?

You will study within the workplace and attend classes at Barnsley College, Church St, Barnsley, S70 2AX

What can I do next?

You can progress onto Higher Level study or secure employment as a: Early Year Practitioner – Nursery Assistant, Nursery Practitioner, Nursery Nurse, Assistant Childminder, Nanny and Early Years Worker.

These roles can be found in a range of private and public settings including; 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.

How much does the course cost?

There is no cost to being an apprentice. All costs associated with your apprenticeship, including the cost of training and your salary, will be paid by your employer.

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Contact the Apprenticeship Team

For further information please contact the team on 01226 216166 or email: apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/our-departments/sport/sports-academy/>].

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a [Level 3 Mathematical Studies \(Core Maths\)](#).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly [Information Team](#).

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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