

# Early Years Educator (ST0135) Level 3 Apprenticeship

## Overview

Early Years Educators, and other job roles such as nursery nurse and childminders, are highly trained professionals who play a key role in ensuring that young children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. They work in a range of settings including full day care, children's centres, preschools, reception classes and as childminders. They may either be working on their own or supervising others to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements set by Government for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old.

## Expected course duration

**18 months**

## College attendance

**Weekly college attendance**

## College day release intakes

**2 intakes per-year:**

September/ February

## Course content

The apprenticeship covers a range of Skills Knowledge and Behaviours. Whilst studying you will be supported throughout the programme to develop:

**\*\*First Aid\*\***

- Planning and supervising activities that are initiated by children and led by adults, tailored to meet the needs and interests of each child.
- Supporting children in developing their numeracy and language skills through games and play.
- Fulfilling key person responsibilities to ensure each child feels safe and secure.
- Utilizing observation skills to support each child's development and shape their learning experiences.
- Meeting the personal care needs of individual children, including feeding, changing nappies, and administering medicine.
- Collaborating with colleagues, parents, caregivers, and other professionals to address the unique needs of each child.

## Entry requirements

*Desirable:*

Maths Grade 9-4 and English Grade 9-4

## What training is required in the workplace?

- 20% off the job
- Mentor
- Safeguarding
- PREVENT
- Professional Development

## Further study and career options

### Course progression:

progress onto a Foundation degree in Early Years.

### Career progression:

Upon achievement of this qualification, learners will gain their licence to practise and it is intended that learners will be able to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators.

Learners can progress into various job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as:

- Assistant in Children's Centres
- Practitioner in nursery schools
- Practitioner in reception classes in primary schools
- Pre-school worker

## Campuses

This course is available at our Bedford, Central Bedfordshire and Tresham College Kettering Campuses.

## Further details

For more information, please visit here:

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/early-years-educator-v1-3>

## How to apply

Through the apprenticeship vacancy page of our website:

<https://bedfordcollegegroup.ac.uk/study/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies/>

and the national apprenticeship website:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>