



So, you want to know more about becoming a...

Level 3 Early Years Educator

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What does a Early Years Educator (EYE) do?

- An Early Years Educator (EYE) 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 nurseries, children's centres, reception classes and childminders will often work in their own homes.
- An EYE may work on their own or supervise others to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements set by the Government for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. An EYE will also be expected to have knowledge of the needs of children aged 5 to 7 years.

What does their day to day role look like?

- In their day to day role, an EYE plans and supervises the children in their care, engaging in activities which are based around the needs and interests of each individual child. They support children to develop numeracy and language skills through learning through play and they will be the key person responsible for ensuring each child feels safe and secure.
- An important part of the role is addressing the care needs of the individual child such as feeding, changing nappies and administration of medicine. They will work in partnership with other colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals to ensure each and every child thrives in their care.
- An EYE is responsible for ensuring that they implement good practice with regards to safeguarding children and health and safety

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Early Years Teacher, Education Consultant, Family Support Worker, Health Play Specialist, Learning Mentor

↑ Typical career progression job titles

Duration of apprenticeship:

- 18 months

Qualifications:

- Apprentices without Level 2 English and Maths will need to achieve this level prior to taking their end point assessment. For those with an education, health and care plan or a legacy statement, the apprenticeships English and maths minimum requirements are Entry Level 3, and the British Sign Language qualification is an alternative to English qualifications for apprentices for whom this is their primary language.
- Apprentices must successfully complete the Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid or Level 3 Award in Emergency Paediatric First Aid.
- As part of the process you will complete the Early Years Educator Qualification (Level 3)

Career progression:

- With additional experience, an Early Years Educator can become the manager of an early years setting.

Please see overleaf for a breakdown of the course content.

For further information on **Level 3 Early Years Educator** Apprenticeship please visit: www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/early-years-educator-v1-2

Early Years Educator Level 3 - Training Overview

Month	Learning Content
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand legislation and overview of the Apprenticeship Standard • Explanation of assessment methods • Introduction to Onefile • Action planning and development activities for the coming months
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to legislation and guidelines for the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy lifestyles for children through exercise, provision of food and nutrition
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing children's emergent literacy skills and mathematical skills • Planning, leading and reviewing play opportunities which support children's learning and development
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation, assessment and planning to promote the development of children • Using longitudinal studies to observe, assess and plan for children's needs
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting children's speech, language, communication and physical development
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling play environments
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of legislation relating to the health and safety of children, equality, diversity and inclusive practice
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's physical development
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's personal, social and emotional development and children's emotional well-being
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing physical care routines for children • Support children who are unwell

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11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working in partnership
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support with learning for children with additional needs
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support children's transition to school
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop children's cognitive skills
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to engage in professional development

End Point Assessment (EPA)

When your training is complete we will make the decision, along with your employer, to put you forward to your End Point Assessment (EPA). This is the final process in your apprenticeship, it is an assessment of the knowledge, skills and behaviours that you would have learnt throughout the apprenticeship.

This will involve an Independent Assessor carrying out the following:

1. **Knowledge Test**
2. **Professional Discussion** (with Portfolio of Evidence included)

Your employer, your Assessor and the W2W team will support you through the EPA. For more information about the process, you can contact the W2W team at **way2work@achievingforchildren.org.uk**

Certification

When you have successfully completed your apprenticeship and passed your EPA, you will be awarded a certificate.

Get in touch

We know that having qualified professionals working in the early years makes such a difference to children's lives.

Take up this opportunity and we can make this career a reality for you - join our Level 3 Early Years Educator programme today!

For further information on how to apply, please visit **www.way2work.org.uk**