

## Early Years Practitioner (ST0888) Level 2 Apprenticeship

### Overview

This occupation is 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 to deliver 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.

The broad purpose of the occupation is to 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 EYP works as part of a professional team ensuring 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.

### Expected course duration

**15 months**

### College attendance

**Weekly college attendance:**

Thursday: Bedford campus

Friday: Kettering Campus

Friday: Central Bedfordshire Campus

### College day release intakes

**3 intakes per-year:**

September/ January/ April

### Course content

The apprenticeship covers a range of Skills Knowledge and Behaviours.

Whilst studying you will be supported throughout the programme to develop:

- Working in partnership with other colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals
- Using play to support children
- How to identify issues of safeguarding and child protection, concerns to the person in charge.
- Reflective practice and how to use continuous professional development
- safety and hygiene of the children
- knowledge of child development
- contribute to planning and organising activities
- communicate and engage
- support the collection of accurate and up-to-date records.
- support the well-being of all children

## 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:

On completion of this course, progression to a Level 3 Diploma or apprenticeship, will provide you with a broader knowledge of the industry. You are also able to apply for employment in a variety of environments including nurseries and pre-schools, in jobs such as nursery assistant or classroom assistant.

### Career progression:

- Early years assistant
- Preschool assistant
- Playgroup assistant
- After school assistant
- Childminder assistant
- Childminder

## 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-practitioner-v1-0>

## How to apply

Through the apprenticeship vacancy page of our website:

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

and the national apprenticeship website:

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