

EARLY YEARS LEAD PRACTITIONER (COMING SOON)

£ Funding Band: £8,000 🕒 Duration: 24 months 📊 Level: 5 ★ LARS: 655 📁 Standard N°: ST0551

1. THE APPRENTICESHIP

This occupation is found in a range of settings which can include day nurseries, playgroups, nursery schools, pre-schools, kindergartens, primary schools, hospitals, social care settings, out of school environments and local authority provision. The broad purpose of the occupation is to be a proactive and influential practitioner, working directly with children, skilfully leading day-to-day practice at an operational level.

In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with children aged birth to eight years, families, practitioners, other professionals and appropriate agencies. An employee in this occupation will be responsible for supporting the quality of learning and development in their setting. They lead on the operational aspects of this provision and are typically responsible for leading other practitioners, an aspect or environment such as; Communication and Language, Planning and Assessment, Forest School, Physical Activity and Nutrition. They usually report directly to the head of the setting (The Manager, The Leader, The Director).



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2. ON-PROGRAMME

The Apprentice must have completed all on-programme elements in order to begin End-Point Assessment:



20%
Off-the-Job Training



Functional Skills*
Level 2 English and Maths



Portfolio of Evidence
with Mapping and Tracking Form



Case Study Scope

3. GATEWAY

In order to enter the Gateway phase, the Apprentice will need to have achieved all the relevant Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours set out in the Apprenticeship Standard. After a meeting between the Apprentice, Employer and Training Provider, it will be the Employer's decision to place an Apprentice through End-Point Assessment.

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Resources (Coming Soon)

Training Qualifications UK is developing a range of resources for this Apprenticeship Standard to help the On-Programme Assessor and Apprentice to understand and complete Gateway and each End-Point Assessment component.



Functional Skills*

All Level 3 or higher Apprenticeship Standards require the Apprentice to have successfully completed Level 2 Functional Skills in both English and maths qualifications (or equivalent) in order to progress through Gateway to undertake End-Point Assessment.

As an End-Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO), Training Qualifications UK is required to see evidence of an Apprentice completing the relevant Functional Skills qualification assessments where necessary in order to verify Gateway requirements have been met. To find out what evidence Training Qualifications UK will accept for this Apprenticeship Standard, see our **Level 3 or Higher Apprenticeship Functional Skills guidance** on Verve EPA under the Support Materials.

4. END-POINT ASSESSMENT

The synoptic End-Point Assessment will consist of **three** components. In order to pass the apprenticeship, the Apprentice is required to pass each component:



Observation with Questions

The End-Point Assessor will observe the Apprentice undertaking their normal duties in the workplace.

The Apprentice must be observed interacting with a group of children, leading/supervising colleagues, and communicating with parents/carers/guardians.

The observation period will last 60 minutes (+10%), followed by a question and answer session lasting 30 minutes (+10%).

★ Distinction, Pass, Fail



Professional Discussion

This is a structured, two-way discussion between the Apprentice and their End-Point Assessor. The Professional Discussion is underpinned by a portfolio of evidence submitted at Gateway. The portfolio will not be directly assessed.

Questions will relate to the KSBs assigned to this assessment method.

The Professional Discussion will last 60 minutes (+10%).

★ Distinction, Pass, Fail



Case Study Report and Presentation

The Apprentice will submit a case study scope at Gateway. On approval of the scope, the Apprentice will then have 12 weeks to complete the case study, which must have a real benefit to the children and/or setting.

The Apprentice will produce a 4,000 word (+/-10%) report and a 20-minute (+10%) presentation on their case study. The presentation will be followed by a 20-minute (+10%) questioning session.

★ Distinction, Pass, Fail

5. GRADING

Once the **three** assessment components are completed, the Apprentice will be provided with an overall grade for their apprenticeship using the following grading table:

Observation with Questions	Profession Discussion	Case Study Report and Presentation	GRADE
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
		Distinction	Pass
	Distinction	Pass	Merit
		Distinction	Merit
Distinction	Pass	Pass	Pass
		Distinction	Merit
	Distinction	Pass	Merit
		Distinction	Distinction

6. APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATION

Once the End-Point Assessor verifies the Apprentice has successfully completed all the End-Point Assessment components, Training Qualifications UK will initiate the certification process. Working with the Education & Skills Funding Agency, we will ensure the Apprentice receives their certificate in recognition of completing their apprenticeship.

7. OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCE

Successful Early Years Lead Practitioners work directly with children, skilfully leading day-to-day practice at an industry-recognised level of competency.

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Why choose Training Qualifications UK?

Since April 2017, Training Qualifications UK as an End-Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO) has been approved to deliver End-Point Assessment services for a range of Apprenticeship Standards including those within the Hospitality and Healthcare sectors. We were the first EPAO to successfully complete Apprentices on the Hospitality Team Member Apprenticeship Standard at Distinction level as well as the Adult Care Worker, Lead Adult Care Worker and Commis Chef Apprenticeship Standards. We've adapted our EPA service along the way based on the feedback and experiences we've had placing us as one of the leading End-Point Assessment Organisations on the market.

As an Awarding Organisation, we are regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) in England and the Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland.

What Training Qualifications UK offer

- 1.** Expert, tailored End-Point Assessment support
- 2.** Assessor and Apprentice learning resources
- 3.** Verve, Straightforward EPA Apprentice management system
- 4.** Clear and fair pricing structure
- 5.** Marketing and social media support to share your success

More Information

For more information on this Apprenticeship Standard, visit [The Institute for Apprenticeships](https://www.tq.uk). Already working with Training Qualifications UK? Contact your dedicated Client Relationship Officer to find out more about this Apprenticeship Standard and others. If you're new to Training Qualifications UK, you can contact us in a variety of ways:

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