

EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR

Funding Band: 9 (£6,000) **Duration:** 18 months **Level:** 3 **LARS:** 430 **Standard N°:** ST0135

1. THE APPRENTICESHIP

Early Years Educators 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 within a range of settings including full day care, children's centres, preschools, reception classes and in a home setting as childminders. They may be working on their own or supervising 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.

From understanding the expected patterns of children's development from birth to 5 years, and have an understanding of further development from age 5 to 7 to the importance of undertaking continued professional development to improve your own skills and early years practice, an Early Years Educator is required to understand a wealth of knowledge, behaviours and skills for early years settings.



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2. ON-PROGRAMME

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



Level 3 Diploma for the Children's Workforce (RQF)



20% Off-the-Job Training



Functional Skills*
Level 2 English and Maths



Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid or equivalent



Portfolio of Evidence with Mapping and Tracking Form

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.

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

Training Qualifications UK has developed 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.



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 **two** components. In order to pass the apprenticeship, the Apprentice is required to pass each component:



Knowledge Test

The Knowledge Test is a multiple-choice test consisting of 35 questions. Each question will have four possible answers to choose from, one of which is correct. One mark is awarded for each correct answer given. Of these questions, five will assess safeguarding (K15).

The Apprentice will have a maximum of 60 minutes to complete the test.

In order to pass, the Apprentice must achieve a score of at least 23 marks. This must include correctly answering all five safeguarding questions.

★ **Pass or Fail**



Professional Discussion

The Professional Discussion is a structured, two-way discussion between the Apprentice and their End-Point Assessor.

The questions asked will be based on the Portfolio of Evidence the Apprentice submits at Gateway. The Portfolio itself is not directly assessed.

The Professional Discussion will last 90 minutes (+10% at the End-Point Assessor's discretion).

★ **Distinction, Pass or Fail**

5. GRADING

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



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.

Progression: Successful Apprentices may wish to advance into a leadership role, in which case the Early Years Lead Practitioner apprenticeship offers a path for progression. Higher education also presents a pathway to specialist roles such as Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

7. OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCE

Ensuring that young children develop well and are kept healthy and safe is a rewarding vocation that offers multiple avenues for progression.

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Why choose Training Qualifications UK?

We're an End-Point Assessment Organisation for the 21st Century. While some are happy with traditional methods, we look for new ways of working to push the industry, our customers and their Apprentices forwards. We do this with a personalised approach to account management built around your needs, quick and responsive service that aims to respond to enquiries within 24 hours, and innovation that delivers efficiency through technology.

With us, you'll get:

- 1.** Expert, tailored End-Point Assessment support
- 2.** Assessor and Apprentice learning resources
- 3.** Access to our straightforward Apprentice management system, Verve EPA
- 4.** A 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.theinstitute.org.uk/). Already working with Training Qualifications UK? Contact your dedicated Client Relationship Officer to find out more about this Standard and others. If you're new to Training Qualifications UK, you can get in touch through the below channels.

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