

Apprenticeship in Children's Care, Learning & Development

An Apprenticeship is a work-based training programme. As a childcare apprentice you will be treated as an employee of the company. You will also complete training.

This Apprenticeship is for people who work with children aged 0–16 in settings or services whose main purpose is children's care, learning and development. Workers in this area make sure children are looked after, kept active, happy and nourished. They also help children develop social and practical skills.

Entry Requirements

- Must be in paid work in a childcare role for at least 16 hours a week.
- Previous qualifications/experience not necessary.

Funding Eligibility

You won't have to pay for any training if you:

- are aged between 16–18 years old and
- have lived in the UK for 3 years or more, come from an EU member country or are a British Citizen.

Duration

In most cases the Apprenticeship will take you 12 months, but we will work with you until you complete all the units.

Career Opportunities

- Nursery Assistant
- Play or Creche Worker
- Special Education Needs Assistant

You could progress to a career as a:

- Daycare Supervisor
- Nursery Co-ordinator/Manager
- Childminder.

Further Study

Candidates can progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship or an NVQ in Children's Care, Learning & Development Level 3 and move up through levels of work: for example from nursery assistant to nursery manager.

There are opportunities to go into Higher Education to complete a Degree or Diploma. Completing your training through work-based assessments will give you a depth of experience that is often preferred on applications to universities.

More Information

Call the course enquiries team on **0115 9599 544**, email info@ctem.uk or visit www.CTEM.uk.com.

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Elements Covered

An Apprenticeship is made up of these 4 components:

Employment Rights & Responsibilities (ERR)

These exist to help apprentices and employers understand their employment rights and responsibilities and the safe learner concept, as well as their rights related to equal opportunities and health and safety.

The learner will meet all the ERR requirements through completion of the mandatory outcomes (included in the vocational framework for each sector) and an induction to the workplace.

Technical Certificate

This is an award given to you on answering essay type questions, in detail, about situations that might occur at work and how you would deal with them. These written assignments are marked by your tutor and are based on your experience at work.

Units to be completed

- Principles and values underpinning the care, learning and development sector.
- Supporting the provision of safe and effective childcare environments.
- Supporting children and young person development.
- Supporting children's play and learning.

NVQ in Children's Care, Learning & Development Level 2

This is a nationally recognised vocational qualification. You are assessed in two ways, through observation and written work. You will build up a portfolio of evidence with your assessor based on your day-to-day activities. You will also be observed in the workplace, by your assessor, actually carrying out activities. Your assessor will provide you with one-to-one support to enable you to complete the NVQ.

Units to be completed

These include:

- Contribute to positive relationships.
- Help to keep children safe.
- Support children's development.
- Use support to develop own practice in children's care, learning and development.
- Prepare and maintain environments to meet children's needs.
- Support children's play and learning.

Key Skills

These are the English and maths skills you will need to enable you to carry out your roles and responsibilities to a high standard; they are English and maths skills in the context of your work environment. You will not have to complete this element if you got grades A–C in your English and Maths GCSEs.