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Level 2

**Early Years
Practitioner**

Apprenticeship

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Early Years Practitioner

NCFE LEVEL 2

The aim of the Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship is to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to 7 years of age with applied knowledge in the early years, 0-5 years.

The Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship has been designed for individuals who are at the start of the career or who wish to take their first steps into the childcare sector. It is also suitable for those who wish to develop their theoretical understanding of childcare.

This apprenticeship is perfect for those in the role of:

- Assistant childminder
- Early years practitioner
- Nanny and early years worker
- Nursery assistant
- Nursery nurse
- Nursery practitioner



ENROLMENT TIMELINE

Learn Plus Us believe in “right learner, right course”. By that we mean it is crucial that all apprentices are accurately matched to an apprenticeship programme that suits their job description, their prior learning and ability to achieve all aspects of the course. Therefore, anyone wishing to enrol on one of our apprenticeship programmes must complete the following steps to confirm eligibility:

Potential apprentices will attend an Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) session with a member of our sales team to discuss their previous qualifications and experiences. They will also discuss their current job role as well as their aims and aspirations for the future. This session allows us to ensure that they are matched to a suitable apprenticeship programme. IAG sessions also provide information about the apprenticeship programme, including; Functional Skills, Off the Job training and End Point Assessment. Following this, they will be sent a welcome email with enrolment details. The email will include a link to Century; our dedicated Maths & English platform where they will be invited to complete some initial assessments.

They will then attend a sign-up session with one of our enrolment administrators. During this session they will be guided through the application process, which includes:

- An application form
- Initial assessments (Maths & English)
- Skill Scan
- This is Me form
- Additional Learning Support Application (if required)

Once the sign-up session is complete, the potential apprentice will attend their first teaching and learning session. An individualised training plan is created and shared with the apprentice and their employer confirming their planned start and end dates of the apprenticeship, all learning modules to be delivered along with the planned hours for these and the chosen End Point Assessment organisation.

Learning will commence from the planned start date, and they will be supported throughout the duration of their programme to **learn, achieve and excel**.

Course Information

At a glance

- Apprenticeship level: 2
- Course duration: 13-16 months
- Diploma awarding body: NCFE
- [Click here for more information about this apprenticeship](#)

How Is This Qualification Structured?

- Learners will need to be working in a practical setting to show competence in both knowledge and skills. We recommend that learners complete 250 hours in their setting whilst undertaking this qualification.
- Employment opportunities must allow for skills application with babies and young children sufficient to meet the assessment criteria for the qualification.
- Full-time apprentices will spend a minimum of 12 months on programme (before the gateway), working towards the occupational standard, with up to 6 hours off-the-job training per week, subject to their working hours.

Occupational Duties

- Working in partnership with other colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals to meet the individual needs of each child in line with company policies and procedures.
- Using play to support children to understand and encourage healthy life choices.
- Identifying issues of safeguarding and child protection, ensuring that the welfare and safety of children is promoted and safeguarded and reporting any child protection concerns to the person in charge.
- Carrying out self-reflection and using continuous professional development opportunities to improve practice.
- Undertaking specific tasks related to the safety and hygiene of the children and the cleanliness of the setting.
- Using their knowledge of child development to work with parents and carers to improve children's outcomes and wellbeing, including to those with disabilities and additional needs.
- Contributing to the planning and organise activities and children's individual experiences, which will support and extend the children's learning in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Communicating and engaging with children to support their learning and development.
- Supporting the collection of accurate and up-to-date records which identify children's individual needs, abilities and progress and use these as a basis for future planning.
- Supporting the wellbeing of all children including those with additional needs and disabilities.



END POINT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS GATEWAY?

Gateway is triggered when the apprentice has achieved all knowledge, skills and behaviours set out in the assessment plan, has been on programme for a minimum of 1 year and 1 day and the apprentice, employer and training provider feel the apprentice is ready for their EPA. The gateway period is dependent on the chosen EPAO and the standard being studied, and this allows the apprentice to prepare and agree a date with the EPAO to when the assessments will take place.

Note: Gateway can only be achieved once the following has been met:

English and Maths at Level 1 (or equivalent) to be achieved

Completion of knowledge, skills and behaviours

Early Years Practitioner Diploma (Level 2)

Minimum off the job training recorded

Portfolio of evidence

Gateway declaration signed by apprentice, line manager and apprenticeship trainer



WHAT IS END POINT ASSESSMENT?

End Point Assessment (EPA) is the final stage of an apprenticeship and it is made up of a range of synoptic assessments which are completed at the end of the apprentice's learning, once they have achieved gateway requirements. EPA takes place to ensure the apprentice has the knowledge, skills and behaviours outlined in the apprenticeship standard in order to be occupationally competent.

Assessments have been designed by employers in the sector and will be conducted by an Independent End Point Assessor (IEPA) who works for an End Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO). All assessments must be passed for the apprentice to achieve. Once the apprentice has completed all of their assessments, they will be awarded an overall grade (depending on the apprenticeship programme). This will either be Fail, Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Assessments which form EPA activities:

Assessment 1	Knowledge test
Assessment 2	Professional discussion underpinned by the Portfolio of evidence. Performance in the EPA will determine the overall apprenticeship standard.



ESOL SUPPORT



“Teaching for me is not just a job – it is a vocation, a mission, a quest. There is no bigger reward, in my opinion, than that of seeing your learners progress and achieve their goals!”

Ava, Senior ESOL tutor

At Learn Plus Us we are proud to have a highly skilled and dedicated ESOL team who are experienced at adapting their teaching to meet the specific English language needs for learners. Whilst we offer ESOL for Work courses separately to apprenticeship delivery, we do provide the option for apprentices to access ESOL support during their apprenticeship should they need it. We also offer in-house learning support for those with other additional learning needs or barriers to learning.

SYSTEMS

CENTURY is an award-winning assessment, teaching and learning AI platform that has been developed by a team of experienced teachers, neuroscientists and technologists. This platform is where you will complete your initial assessments in English and Maths and it is used to determine the starting point for all potential apprentices. It will provide you with an individualised teaching and learning experience based on the results of your initial assessments.



NEXT STEPS

This qualification allows progression on to the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and other relevant Level 3 qualifications relating to early years and childcare.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in starting your apprenticeship journey? Please contact us at training@learnplusus.co.uk

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