

Level 5

Early Years Lead Practitioner

TYPICAL DURATION: 24 MONTHS



Role Profile

The Early Lead Practitioner Course prepares childcare professionals for influential roles, focusing on operational leadership in the care, learning, and development of young children. Covering play-based learning, individual needs, inclusive provision, sector developments, and professional competencies, this course targets practitioners directly engaged with children. Completion ensures candidates are equipped to lead in communication, planning, forest school, physical activity, and nutrition.

Additional Requirements

English and maths qualifications must be completed in line with the apprenticeship funding rules

Apprentices will need to undertake the Disclosure and Barring Service process

Course Content

During their apprenticeship, individuals gain skills, knowledge, and behaviours in their chosen role and industry. This includes subject areas such as; The Unique Child, Learning & Development, Leaderful Practise, Effective Implementation of Legislation & Guidance, Effective Promotion of Development, Health & Wellbeing, CPD, Child Development, Administrative, Reflective Practise, Observation and Assessment Planning.

Apprenticeship Assessment

This Apprenticeship has 2 assessment methods.

- Observation with questions
- Professional discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence

Typical Job Roles

Assistant manager Deputy manager
 Early years coordinator Play leader
 Baby room leader Early years officer
 Key Worker Education welfare officer
 Health play specialist Nursery Officer
 Hospital play worker Pastoral assistant
 Higher level teaching and learning assistant
 Room Leader Pre-school leader
 Early years foundation stage lead or coordinator

Further Information

This standard aligns with the following professional recognition: Criteria for Level 3 Early Years qualifications for Early Years Educator