

EARLY YEARS LEAD PRACTITIONER LEVEL 5 APPRENTICESHIP

Duration
Total - 12-29 Months
Diploma - 12-24 Months
EPA - 5 Months

The Early Years Lead Practitioner apprenticeship is a Level 5 qualification for experienced early years professionals who wish to take on a leadership role within early years settings, such as nurseries, pre-schools, or early childhood centres. This programme focuses on advanced skills in leading and improving the quality of early years education and care. This apprenticeship is ideal for senior early years practitioners, room leaders, or supervisors who want to advance into leadership roles. It suits those passionate about enhancing educational quality, supporting their team, and shaping a positive, high-quality early years environment. This qualification can lead to roles such as Early Years Manager, Lead Practitioner, or Early Years Curriculum Leader.

1 Entry Requirements

You must have been a UK, EEA, or EU resident for at least the three years before starting the apprenticeship.

You must be employed in a relevant job role and able to commit to the full length of the programme including the End Point Assessment.

If you do not have GCSE grade C/4 or equivalent in Maths and English, you will be required to work towards achieving these qualifications as part of your apprenticeship.

2 Qualifications Awarded

L5 Early Years Lead Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard

Functional Skills Maths

Functional Skills English

3 Reviews & Teaching and Learning

Each month, a trainer will conduct a teaching and learning session with the Apprentice to ensure their ongoing development. Additionally, every other month, the trainer will visit to meet with both the Apprentice and the Employer for a comprehensive review of progress and performance.

4 End Point Assessment

The End-Point Assessment (EPA) is comprised of three components: Ongoing Support: Provided by Training Works

- Observation With Questions:
 - Duration: 60 minutes Observation with 30 minutes Questioning = 90 minutes
 - Graded as Pass, Merit, or Distinction
- Professional Discussion:
 - Duration: 60 minutes
 - Graded as Pass, Merit, or Distinction
- 12 Week Case Study With
 - 4000 Word Report - Presented to your EPA Assessor for 40 minutes.
 - Graded as Pass, Merit, or Distinction

5 Cost

Apprentices aged 22+ = £400pp

Apprentices 16-21 & Employer with under 50 employees = Free

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