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Apprenticeship



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CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)

What does the qualification cover?

The knowledge and skills to become an Early Years Educator working with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children up to 7 years.

When can I start?

Any time.

Who is it suitable for?

Anyone working or volunteering in early years education and care for a minimum of 15 hours per week.

What are the entry requirements?

You must be at least 16 years old.

How is it completed?

You will need to demonstrate competency in the following age groups

Age band
0 – 1 year 11 months
2 – 2 years 11 months
3 – 5 years

And attend courses, complete e-learning, written tasks and be observed in the workplace.

The Academy
Supporting your career

How long does it take to complete?

Approximately 18 months.

What can I do next?

- Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services
- A related degree
- Apply to work in a Nursery, Pre-school, Children's Centre or School to include supervisory roles

How much does it cost?

- £900 to those working in a Central Bedfordshire setting
- £1,800 for applicants from other areas

Payments by instalments can be arranged or you may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Learners may be eligible for full or partial funding for this course, depending on individual circumstances at the time of application.

[Please click here to apply](#) or for further information, contact The Academy Team:



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