



Children's Care Learning & Development Apprenticeship (NVQ Level 2)

Overview

Apprenticeships are high quality, work-based training programmes for young people who want to develop their careers while working for an employer. Apprentices must be aged 16 or over, be in employment working more than 16 hours per week, and not taking part in full-time education. Employers who take on Apprentices value the practical nature of the training which is directly relevant to improving performance in their business. The approach encourages dedication to work and keenness to learn. Macclesfield College staff work with employers to support them and the Apprentices during the training period. Entry requirements are flexible because Apprenticeships are not just based on academic achievement.

To encourage a diverse range of people to work in the childcare sector, there are no formal requirements for the Children's Care, Learning & Development Apprenticeship or Advanced Apprenticeship. However, we believe there are a core set of principles and values that underpin working with children and we expect Apprentices to demonstrate these principles and values: for example, an interest in working with children, the ability to interact with children and a willingness to assist with various duties required for caring for children.

Who is it for?

This course is especially suitable for those working in a role with responsibility, for instance as a Nursery Assistant, and for those who wish to work in a childcare setting.

Outcome

The Apprenticeship (NVQ Level 2) is made up of:

- NVQ Level 2 in Children's Care, Learning & Development
- Key Skills in Communication and Application of Number (Level 1)
- Technical Certificate (Level 2)
- Paediatric First Aid Certificate.

Content

Apprentices will complete 7 units to achieve the Level 2 qualifications. The award is made up of 6 Mandatory Units and a selection of Optional Units, of which one must be completed.

Mandatory Units:

- Helping to keep children safe
- Supporting children's development
- Using support to develop own practice in children's care, learning and development
- Preparing and maintaining environments to meet children's needs
- Supporting children's play
- Contribute to effective relationships with children & adults

Assessment

Apprentices will collect a portfolio of evidence of achievement of practical and theoretical work and will be assessed in the workplace. They will also complete one multiple choice question paper and four internally-marked assignments. The certificate covers the underpinning knowledge, values and principles for the National Occupational Standards in Children's Care, Learning & Development at Level 2.

Course Information

East Cheshire Business School
at Macclesfield College



Entry Requirements	Apprentices should be in a workplace where evidence of competence can be obtained.
Duration	It is recommended that the Apprenticeship should take one year part-time, but the actual length will depend on the individual's prior experience and knowledge, and the support the employer can give.
Career Opportunities	This qualification will establish you as a qualified, experienced early years worker at Level 2, and will enable access to work in a variety of settings. Successful Apprentices may consider progression to the Children's Care, Learning & Development NVQ Level 3, with the support of their employer.
Awarding Body	Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education (CACHE)
Additional Information	Apprentices will have to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.

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