

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER

🧾 **Funding Band:** £4,000 🕒 **Duration:** 12 months 📊 **Level:** 2 ⭐ **LARS:** 550 📄 **Standard N°:** ST0888

1. THE APPRENTICESHIP

Early Years Practitioners are found in a range of private and public settings, such as full day care, children's centres, pre-schools, reception classes, playgroups, nursery schools, home based provision, hospitals, social care settings, out of school environments and local authority provision. Those who occupy the role deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements set by government for the learning, development and care of children from birth to age 5 in both indoor and outdoor environments.

The broad purpose of the occupation is to work and interact directly with children on a day to day basis supporting the planning of and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes within the ethos of the setting. In their daily work, an employee in this occupation interacts with parents, children, colleagues and wider multi agency professionals and partners such as health visitors, social workers and speech and language therapists.



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2. ON-PROGRAMME

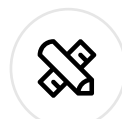
The Apprentice must have completed all on-programme elements in order to begin End-Point Assessment:



TQUK Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner
or equivalent



Functional Skills*
Level 1 English and Maths
(+ attempt Level 2)



20%
**Off-the-Job
Training**



Portfolio of Evidence
with Mapping and
Tracking form

3. GATEWAY

In order to enter the Gateway phase, the Apprentice will need to have achieved all the relevant Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours set out in the Apprenticeship Standard. After a meeting between the Apprentice, Employer and Training Provider, it will be the Employer's decision to place an Apprentice through End-Point Assessment.

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Resources

Training Qualifications UK has developed a range of resources for this Apprenticeship Standard to help the On-Programme Assessor and Apprentice to understand and complete Gateway and each End-Point Assessment component.



Functional Skills*

All Level 2 Apprenticeship Standards require the Apprentice to have successfully completed Level 1 Functional Skills in both English and maths qualifications (or equivalent) in order to progress through Gateway to undertake End-Point Assessment. Apprentices will also need to have at least attempted Level 2 Apprenticeship Standards.

As an End-Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO), Training Qualifications UK is required to see evidence of an Apprentice completing or attempting the relevant Functional Skills qualification assessments where necessary in order to verify Gateway requirements have been met. To find out what evidence Training Qualifications UK will accept for this Apprenticeship Standard, see our **Level 2 Apprenticeship Functional Skills** guidance on Verve EPA.

4. END-POINT ASSESSMENT

The synoptic End-Point Assessment will consist of **two** components. In order to pass the apprenticeship, the Apprentice is required to pass each component:



Knowledge Test

The Knowledge Test is a multiple-choice test which can be taken online or in paper-based format.

The test consists of 40 questions with four possible answers, one of which is correct. One mark is awarded for each correct answer.

The questions will test the Knowledge criteria assigned to this component.

The Apprentice will have a maximum of 60 minutes to complete the test.

★ **Distinction, Pass or Fail**



Professional Discussion

The Professional Discussion is a structured, two-way discussion between the Apprentice and their End-Point Assessor.

The End-Point Assessor will ask the Apprentice a minimum of 10 questions related to the evidence presented in the Portfolio submitted at Gateway.

The Professional Discussion will last 90-minutes (+10% to allow the Apprentice to finish their last answer).

★ **Distinction, Pass or Fail**

5. GRADING

Once the **two** assessment components are completed, the Apprentice will be provided with an overall grade for their apprenticeship using the following grading table:

Knowledge Test	Professional Discussion	GRADE
Pass	Pass	Pass
	Distinction	Pass
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	Distinction	Distinction

6. APPRENTICESHIP CERTIFICATION

Once the End-Point Assessor verifies the Apprentice has successfully completed all the End-Point Assessment components, Training Qualifications UK will initiate the certification process. Working with the Education & Skills Funding Agency, we will ensure the Apprentice receives their certificate in recognition of completing their apprenticeship.

Progression: Those looking to further advance in this vocation may wish to pursue the Early Years Educator apprenticeship.

7. OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCE

Successful Early Years Practitioners work as part of a professional team in a rewarding vocation with excellent opportunities for advancement.

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Why choose Training Qualifications UK?

We're an End-Point Assessment Organisation for the 21st Century. While some are happy with traditional methods, we look for new ways of working to push the industry, our customers and their Apprentices forwards. We do this with a personalised approach to account management built around your needs, quick and responsive service that aims to respond to enquiries within 24 hours, and innovation that delivers efficiency through technology.

With us, you'll get:

1. Expert, tailored End-Point Assessment support
2. Assessor and Apprentice learning resources
3. Access to our straightforward Apprentice management system, Verve EPA
4. A clear and fair pricing structure
5. Marketing and social media support to share your success

More Information

For more information on this Apprenticeship Standard, visit [The Institute for Apprenticeships](https://www.theinstitute.org.uk/). Already working with Training Qualifications UK? Contact your dedicated Client Relationship Officer to find out more about this Standard and others. If you're new to Training Qualifications UK, you can get in touch through the below channels.

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