

# Childcare: Level 2 Diploma for Early Years Practitioner

## Course overview

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The aim of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to 7 years of age with applied knowledge in the early years, 0-5 years. The qualification content meets the Department for Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce.

This qualification is ideal for learners looking to work with children between birth and 5 years, and gain knowledge of working with children up to 7 years.

Learners will **need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement** to show competence in both knowledge and skills. We recommend learners complete 250 placement hours whilst undertaking this qualification approx. 8-10 hours per week.

The Adult College can arrange for a DBS check to be carried out, in order to support your placement.

Placement opportunity must allow for skills application with babies and young children sufficient to meet the assessment criteria for the qualification.

## What will I study?

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You will cover:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- Health and safety of babies and young children in the early years
- Equality, diversity and inclusive practice in Early Years Settings
- Safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children in Early Years Settings
- Understand how to support children's development
- Support care routines for babies and young children
- Support the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes
- Promote play in an Early Years Setting
- Support well-being of babies and young children for healthy lifestyles
- Support babies and young children to be physically active
- Support the needs of babies and young children with Special Educational Needs and Disability
- Promote positive behaviour in Early Years Settings
- Partnership working in the early years Knowledge/ Skills
- Support the needs of the child in preparing for school

## Assessment method

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You will receive verbal and written feedback from your tutor for classroom activities, course work, assignments and tasks and home study. You will also be observed within your work placement, in order to demonstrate skills competence evidence. You will collate an online portfolio of evidence, which will be submitted and assessed by the accrediting organisation.

## Entry requirements

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As this is a progression course you must have successfully completed a Childcare or Health and Social Care Level 1 and must have functional skills qualifications at E3/L1. You will be required to produce evidence of your qualifications and may be asked to take a functional skills assessment. **You must have a work placement** prior to beginning this course and provide evidence to confirm your placement.

## What should I bring with me?

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You will need to take notes so bring along pen/pencil notepad or electronic device. An A4 ring binder folder will also be essential.

## Key information

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This is a blended delivery course which means that some of your sessions will be face to face and held onsite, with others being delivered online.

Where possible this course will take place on site with social distancing measures in place.

In the event of a lockdown, the course will take place online via MS Teams.

## Possible next steps

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Following the successful completion of this course, you will be supported to enrol on to the most suitable course for you.  
Level 3 Diploma in Early years practitioner – Level 3 Certificate in Playwork

## Contact us

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Our friendly staff can give you further advice and support.



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