

Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)

Introduction to the course

This course is ideal for mature students who are working or intending to work with children from birth to school age.

It is expected that you already work in settings or services whose main purpose is children's care, learning and development and you may have a Level 2 childcare qualification.

This qualification prepares you to become an early years educator, enabling you to work with children from birth to five years and gain knowledge of children aged five to seven years old.

Examples include:

- Childminders
- Practitioners in nurseries
- Practitioners in nursery schools
- Pre-school workers
- Practitioners in reception classes in primary schools
- Assistants in children's centres
- Special educational needs practitioners

Entry criteria

Experience as a practitioner or previous knowledge is necessary.

To work in industry you will be required to have Functional Skills Level 2 in maths and English. This can be achieved within a three-year window after achieving the qualification or could be gained beforehand.

Entry criteria cont...

All practitioners need to have had at least a year's experience volunteering or working in a setting before it is advised to start training. A reference will be required from your current employer to verify this.

Volunteers will be required to work in a variety of settings (to have experience with all age ranges) for a minimum of 12 hours each week across the two years of the course in an early years setting.

Course outline

The course consists of mandatory units; 23 units in three themes:

- Health and well-being
- Legislation, framework and professional practice
- Play, development and learning school readiness

Progression opportunities

The diploma prepares you to work unsupervised, or in a supervisory capacity.

Course duration

Two years, part-time.

Assessment methodology

A range of assessment methods are used, including direct observation, written assignments and professional discussion.

Campus

Les Ozouets.



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