

# Early Years

Take the first steps in your career



## Introduction

The Guernsey Apprenticeship offers you the opportunity to earn a salary and gain a nationally recognised technical, professional or vocational qualification in a job you love. You will need to have secured employment before applying or look at the 'Apprenticeship Vacancies' on our website.

This course is available to employees currently working within the early years and childcare industry. Working closely with your employer, it allows you to learn, develop and practise the skills required for working with children and young people. It will help you progress in the sector, with the opportunity to move on to further study if desired.

The course is in line with industry standards and will enable you to work at the level required in both Guernsey and the UK.

## Qualifications

- NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce
- Certificate of Apprenticeship

## Course duration/location

The recommended time for completion of this course is two years. You will attend College at Coutanchez Campus for one day a week for off-the-job training.

## Course breakdown

The following units are included in the programme:

- Supporting healthy lifestyles for children through the provision of food and nutrition
- Supporting healthy lifestyles for children through exercise
- Supporting physical care routines for children
- Promoting children's emotional well-being
- Understanding how to support children who are unwell
- Understanding legislation relating to the safeguarding, protection and welfare of children
- Using legislation relating to the health and safety of children
- Following legislation relating to equality, diversity and inclusive practice
- Working in partnership
- Engaging in professional development
- Understanding the value of play in Early Years
- Planning, leading and reviewing play opportunities which support children's learning and development
- Promoting enabling play environments
- Developing children's emergent literacy skills
- Developing children's emergent mathematical skills
- Supporting children's transition to school
- Developing children's cognitive skills

- Promoting children’s speech, language and communication
- Promoting children’s physical development
- Promoting children’s personal, social and emotional development.

## Who can apply

This apprenticeship is available to employees aged 17 years and over.

Applicants should have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C/4 or equivalent, and a grade C/4 in maths and English.

If you have not achieved maths or English at C/4/Level 2, you will study these subjects to support progression and achievement of your chosen apprenticeship. Failure to complete maths and English will prevent progression between apprenticeship levels or achieving your overall apprenticeship.

## Assessment method

You will be assessed throughout the duration of the apprenticeship in the following ways:

- Written tasks
- Practical observations
- Professional discussions
- Portfolio of evidence

## The onward journey

After successfully completing your Level 3 apprenticeship, you will be prepared for roles such as a room leader, practitioner in a day nursery, pre-school or reception class in primary schools. You will be occupationally competent and could go on to become a Deputy Manager or Manager through study on the Level 4/5 Foundation Degree.

## Additional learning support

The College’s Learner Support Services are available to provide support and help to make a success of your apprenticeship journey.

The College also works in partnership with Careers Guernsey whose advisors can support you in helping to choose the right next step for you and your future plans. They can support you in preparing for apprenticeship job interviews and any applications you may make.

Please visit their website for more information at [careers.gg](http://careers.gg).



For more details or how to apply, please contact  
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