

START YOUR CAREER THROUGH AN EARLY YEARS APPRENTICESHIP!

A guide for young people.

DID YOU KNOW...

Early years professionals are crucial to helping children develop before starting school, and demand is high around the country for their specialist skills. It's a rewarding job where you get to see children learn and grow thanks to your support. If you want to work with children, an early years apprenticeship could be the perfect first step in your career. It's also an entry point to becoming a fully qualified Early Years Teacher.

AN APPRENTICESHIP IS A JOB WITH A SALARY

You'll also study the equivalent of one day per week to build skills in your chosen profession. The combination of practical work and classroom teaching means you can put into practice the things you learn. You'll gain skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving and IT.

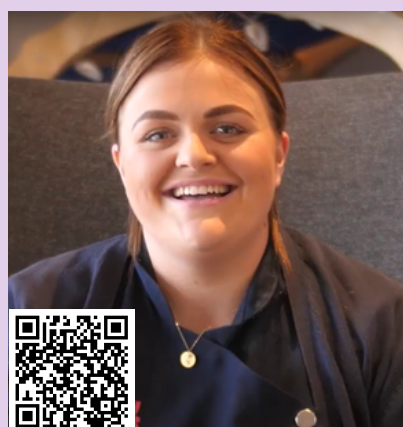
You'll be well on your way to achieving your career goals while others are just getting started.

MEET SOME APPRENTICES



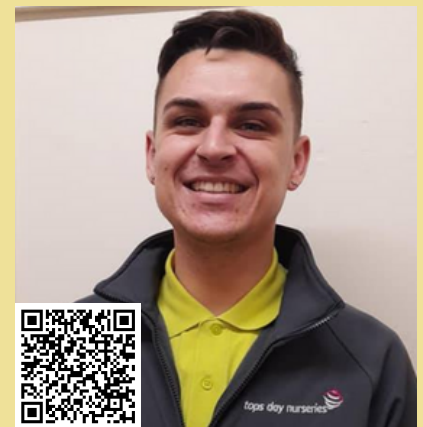
MEET ERIN...

who loves seeing the children she works with progress.



MEET JESS...

who's apprenticeship has helped her build confidence.



MEET JACK...

who enjoys getting a real insight into a nursery setting.



DURATION:
APPROX. 12-18 MONTHS



SALARIES:
APPROX. £15-19K STARTING.



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WHERE COULD YOU WORK?

Early years professionals are needed in lots of different settings, such as day care centres, pre-schools, nursery schools, reception classes, playgroups and hospitals.



We believe it's incredibly important to build a pipeline of talent within the early years sector. Not only do we want to create opportunities for all people, but we find that apprentices often stay on for a long time, undergoing training before moving into management roles.

Anthony Bromirski, Chief Operating Officer, Busy Bees Education and Training



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CAREER STARTER APPRENTICESHIPS

EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER LEVEL 2 OR

EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR LEVEL 3

Early years professionals plan and run education and play activities for children under five years old, and make sure they're safe and happy. Many early years professionals find working with children to be extremely joyful and rewarding.

The Level 2 and Level 3 apprenticeships are both suitable for those with no previous experience. Level 2 may be more suitable for those leaving school at 16.

TYPICAL TASKS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Supporting or leading educational games
- ▶ Conducting activities such as crafts, music and cooking
- ▶ Preparing the learning environment with resources and displays
- ▶ Helping with trips and outings
- ▶ Feeding and changing babies
- ▶ Observing and assessing children to help their learning

FOLLOWING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP, YOU COULD PROGRESS TO:

- ▶ Early Years Lead Practitioner
- ▶ A lead teaching role in early years



FURTHER INFORMATION



Our [apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) website has more information about apprenticeships and how to apply.

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