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# TQUK Level 3 Diploma for the Children's Workforce (Early Years Educator) (RQF)



## Course overview

**Research has shown that the first eight years of a child's life are critical for their cognitive, social, emotional and physical development. Therefore, it is vital they receive the support they need for this development.**

This course will equip learners with a detailed understanding of child development, including safeguarding children and promoting their health, safety and welfare. Learners will also look at how to promote equality, diversity and inclusion in Early Years settings, support children with additional needs, and support children's development. They will look at how to plan and lead play activities to support children's learning and development and how to work in partnership with other professionals and key individuals.

## Who is suitable?

This qualification is suitable for learners who work, or wish to work, with children from birth to 5 years old in a variety of settings. The qualification prepares learners for employment as Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years. It develops the knowledge and skills required to work with children from birth to 5 years together with an understanding of the expected development of children aged 5 to 7 years. The qualification also provides opportunities for the confirmation of competence for learners working towards Early Years Educator status.

Learners will practice the importance of observation when working with children, promoting a healthy lifestyle and developing literacy and mathematical skills. This practice will be underpinned by knowledge in planning and reviewing, legislation and regulations and supporting children and their parents/carers. Apprentices will increase in confidence and professionalism and become a valuable member of any educational team.



## Learning method

Studying via distance learning means you can choose when and where you study. We ensure you get all the support you need throughout your course in the form of a personal Tutor and a Learner Support Advisor.

This course is available:



**Online**

All of our award-winning, online learning resources are of the highest quality and are designed to be engaging and interactive to keep you focused on your learning at all times.



## Course Requirements

- Learners must be 16 years of age and above.
- Learners should have a minimum of level two in literacy and numeracy or equivalent.
- Learners must be working in an appropriate Early Years environment for a minimum of 350 and a maximum of 400 hours, across the duration of the course. This includes placements.
- Learners must have a designated mentor within their workplace or placement, who will be responsible for observing practice regularly.

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## What you will learn

**This course is split into eighteen manageable units:**

**Unit 1:** Understand child development

**Unit 2:** Support the holistic development of children

**Unit 3:** Safeguarding and child protection in Early Years

**Unit 4:** Promote the health, safety and welfare of young children

**Unit 5:** Support the health, well-being and physical care needs of children in Early Years settings

**Unit 6:** Equality, diversity and inclusion in Early Years settings

**Unit 7:** Support positive behaviour in children

**Unit 8:** Support children with additional support needs

**Unit 9:** Support attachment when working with children in Early Years settings

**Unit 10:** Support children through transitions

**Unit 11:** Plan, lead and evaluate purposeful play activities to support children's learning and development

**Unit 12:** Support the development of reading, literacy and mathematical skills in Early Years settings

**Unit 13:** Extending children's learning and thinking in Early Years settings

**Unit 14:** Assessment and observation in Early Years settings

**Unit 15:** Recording, storing, reporting and sharing information in Early Years settings

**Unit 16:** Working in partnership with colleagues, professionals and key individuals in Early Years settings

**Unit 17:** Continuing professional development in Early Years education

**Unit 18:** Competency assessments

## Benefits

- Gain a nationally recognised qualification
- Create a long-standing career pathway within the childcare sector
- Courses are delivered via distance learning, allowing learners to choose when and where to study
- Receive an individualised curriculum plan, created by our online Diagnostic and Curriculum Planning Tool, to maximise learners' development
- Engaging and interactive activities that stretch learners' thinking and help put their new, extended knowledge into practice
- Competency unit at end of course enables learners to practise the skills they have learnt
- Expert curriculum tutors are assigned to provide the support learners need to succeed
- Study will develop learners' knowledge, skills and confidence to enhance their future work and life
- Personalised learning support from our excellent team of Learner Support Advisors
- Learners receive support with future progression through our Careers and Progression Coordinator.
- Gain the experience to become an Early Years practitioner (up to £21k per annum) before progressing to become a senior in the role (up to £27k per annum)
- Progression opportunities include the Children, Young People and Families Practitioners Apprenticeship and the Children, Young People and Families Manager Apprenticeship.