

## Course Information

### Advanced Apprenticeship in Childcare Course Code - W1218

#### What is an Apprenticeship?

The Apprenticeship programme provides you with an opportunity to earn while you learn. As an Apprentice you will spend time both in College and in the workplace learning new skills and training alongside experienced staff, which will lead to nationally recognised qualifications. At the end of the Apprenticeship you will have acquired job specific skills and the ability to perform your job competently; you will also achieve qualifications which are recognised by your chosen profession.

#### Venue and duration of course:

The Apprenticeship programme will take place both at East Surrey College and at the workplace and will run for approximately 24 months.

#### Entry requirements:

You must have GCSE Grade C or above in Maths and English. You must be in paid work for a minimum of 30 hours per week. It is essential you have the right mind-set for working full time and studying at the same time. Having a can-do attitude, being flexible and reliable are also important. You must also be able to communicate effectively with others.

#### What qualifications will I get?

The Apprenticeship is made up of a number of qualifications that you will receive, which includes:

- The Diploma in Cache Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) (QCF)
- ICT Functional Skills Level 2
- Employment Rights and Responsibilities
- Personal, Learning and Thinking Skills

#### Course description:

The CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator) prepares students to become Early Years Educators, enabling them to work with children from birth to 5 years and gain knowledge of children aged 5 to 7 years.

#### Units/topics covered:

- Theme 1: Health and well-being
- Theme 2: Legislation, frameworks and professional practice
- Theme 3: Play, development and learning for school readiness
- Theme 4: Professional development

**Type of assessment:**

Working with your Assessor you will put together a portfolio of evidence to meet the criteria. This will include observation in the workplace, written tasks, discussion and work products.

**Equipment needed:**

None

**Where can it lead?**

Upon achievement of this qualification students will gain their licence to practise and it is intended that students will be able to enter the workforce as Early Years Educators. Students can progress into various job roles in the statutory, voluntary or private sectors such as:

- Assistant in children's centres
- Practitioner in nursery schools
- Practitioner in reception classes in primary schools
- Pre-school worker

**Course fee:** If you are under 19 when you start your apprenticeship then tuition is free. If you are 19 or over please call our Employer Services team for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility.

**What to do next:**

If you have an employer please contact our Employer Services team on 01737 788316 or by emailing [employerservices@esc.ac.uk](mailto:employerservices@esc.ac.uk).

To find an employer all Apprenticeship vacancies are advertised on the National Apprenticeship Website - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-Apprenticeship>.

Candidates who are unable to secure employment should consider applying for a full time programme at the college or may consider a Traineeship programme.

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