Subject Area Student Type Study Mode Early Years Students aged 16-18 Part Time

What is the course about?

This unique level 2 qualification, offered as part of an apprenticeship, provides you with a deep understanding of babies and young children from birth to age 7, with a special focus on practical learning in early years (0–5 years).

Over the course of 12 months, you'll spend one day each week learning in our Health & Social Care Academy's specialist early years classrooms, gaining valuable hands-on experience. The remainder of your time will be spent applying your skills and knowledge on the job with your employer.

Before you start, an initial assessment will help identify the level of study that best suits your needs, ensuring you get the most from your apprenticeship journey.

Why should I choose the course?

This qualification is perfect for students who want to work with children from birth to age 5, while also gaining knowledge of working with children up to age 7. No previous experience or qualifications in childcare are required, making it an ideal starting point for those new to the field.

What will I learn?

During your apprenticeship, you will cover a range of engaging modules, including:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- Health and safety for babies and young children
- Supporting children's development
- Supporting the planning and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities, and educational programmes.

How is the apprenticeship delivered?

The apprenticeship is delivered over 24 months, and you will be fully supported by the college every step of the way. During your apprenticeship you will attend college one day per week, with the other four days spent with your employer. As an apprentice you will be allocated a tutor and an assessor, who will come out to visit you onsite.

What will the course lead on to?



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This qualification allows a student to count towards the Level 2 ratio as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner across the Early Years Workforce.

Students may work under supervision in a variety of roles such as:

- Nursery Practitioner
- Classroom Assistant
- Pre-school Practitioner.

What support is available?

You will be allocated a designated tutor to guide you through your apprenticeship. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Wellbeing Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Click here for learning support: https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Warrington & Vale Royal College has a long history of delivering bespoke, high-quality apprenticeships across a wide range of sectors. We take pride in our apprentices and ensure they leave us with the skills they need to forge a career in their chosen industry. We work with all manner of employers to ensure all parties' interests are met throughout the apprenticeship journey. We also have a dedicated apprenticeship matching service which matches your skills to a suitable apprenticeship employer.

What are the entry requirements?

Entry requirements for this apprenticeship programme are GCSE grades 9-4, or level 2 functional skills qualifications in English and maths. We will consider those who need to resit either their English or maths qualification, however those that need to resit both will not meet the entry requirements for this apprenticeship programme.

If you are required to resit either English or maths, you will be invited to undertake an initial assessment. If deemed suitable, you must be willing to achieve your level 2 English/maths qualification before the end of the apprenticeship programme as part of your study.



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