

Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Early Years and Primary Settings

The Level 2 Certificate in Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Settings provides an introduction at Level 2 for learners into both early years and primary settings. This qualification supports learners as they develop their knowledge, understanding and skills when caring for and supporting the learning and development of children aged 0–11 years 11 months.

The qualification is made up of portfolio of evidence (6 units) and a Professional Skills Record. This qualification does not qualify learners to work and count in the ratios at Level 2 in early years settings but supports learners to progress onto Level 3 qualifications across a number of sectors, such as Early Years Education, Supporting Teaching and Learning, and Children and Young People.

Start Date: 05 November 2025
Start Time: 09:30
Lessons: 31
Weeks: 31
Hours: 62.00

Venue

Featherby Junior School
Chilham Road

ME8 6BT

What will I learn on this course?

The qualification is made up of a portfolio of evidence (6 units) and a Professional Skills Record. The mandatory units are:

- Unit 1 Child development from birth to 11 years 11 months
- Unit 2 Play and learning
- Unit 3 Exploring legislation
- Unit 4 The role of the childcare practitioner
- Unit 5 Nutrition
- Unit 6 Physical development and physical activity

Is this course suitable for me?

You will need to undertake a minimum requirement of 120 work placement hours (about one day a week) in both an early years and a primary school setting, which may happen concurrently or consecutively. It is learners' responsibility to obtain and maintain their placement. The minimum placement hours are essential for learners to achieve on their course. There will be set tasks to complete in each setting, and staff can allocate the number of hours in each setting at their own discretion. Work placement achievement will be graded Achieved or Not Yet Achieved. Learners will be visited and observed in their placement by their tutor/assessor.

Learners will need to obtain a Disclosure and Barring Service check. Learners should speak to their placement providers to arrange this.

Is there anything I need to know about this course?

You will build a 'Portfolio of Evidence', proof of what you can do as a Nursery Worker in the setting. The evidence may come in a variety of assessment methods such as Observation, Assignments, Professional Discussion, Personal Accounts or Statements, Witness Testimonies and Knowledge Questions.

Direct Observations will take place at the setting, during your working hours, observed by your appointed Tutor/Assessor.

You will also need to complete Assignments which contribute to your underpinning knowledge and fill in some of the evidence 'gaps'.

You will be assessed throughout the course for each unit by your tutor/assessor.

For quality assurance your portfolio will be sampled by an appointed Internal Verifier during the course and a final verification at the end.

If all of your evidence meets the required NCFE Cache Outcomes and Criteria, Medway Adult Education will then apply for your Accredited Certificate of Achievement.

Will there be any additional costs?

You may wish to purchase a recommended textbook (approximately £35) but this is not mandatory. Learners will be advised of this by the course tutor/assessor and should not buy anything in advance of starting the course.

What could I go on to do after this course?

This qualification has been designed to allow progression to Level 3 qualifications within Early Years, Children and Young People, Supporting Teaching and Learning, and Health and Social Care. Learners can also progress in the workplace in job roles, such as:

- Nursery Assistant
- Classroom Assistant
- Preschool Assistant.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term -time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed.

How are digital skills used and enhanced?

You will develop their research skills and be required to demonstrate their understanding using an online portfolio. You will need basic digital skills and access to a computer to complete the course. MAE has IT courses for learners looking to improve their digital skills. Please contact us for further information.

Health and Safety

Learners are expected to manage their learning environment safely.