

Level 2 Diploma - Technical Occupational

This occupational qualification course is aimed at learners who work in Early Years Settings in England. It provides learners with the knowledge of working with babies and young children from birth to 7 years and supports the development of the practical and technical skills needed to work with children up to the age of 5 years. This qualification allows learners to count towards the level 2 ratio as a qualified level 2 EYP within the early years workforce.

Start Date: 09 January 2026
Start Time: 09:15
Lessons: 70
Weeks: 35
Hours: 245.00

Please note: This course ends on 11 Dec 2026 (35 sessions), but there will be a 7-week break over the summer holidays. Learners must complete a minimum of 250 hours in a suitable work placement (about one day a week). Learners should also have completed the Introduction to Working in Early Years course.

Venue

Rochester Adult Education Centre
Rochester Community Hub
Eastgate
ME1 1EW

What will I learn on this course?

There are nine mandatory units.

Unit 201 – Exploring roles and development opportunities in early years settings

Unit 202 – Child development from birth to 7 years

Unit 203 – Safeguarding babies and young children in early years settings

Unit 204 – Supporting health and safety in early years settings

Unit 205 – Promoting wellbeing in early years settings

Unit 206 – Supporting effective communication in early years settings

Unit 207 – Supporting activities, purposeful play and educational programmes

Unit 208 – Understand how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities

Unit 209 – Working with parents, colleagues, and other professionals in early years settings

Is this course suitable for me?

This course is aimed at adults looking to work in Early Years Settings such as nurseries or looking to become childminders.

This is a vocational qualification. Learners must complete a minimum of 250 hours in a suitable work placement (about one day a week). It is learners' responsibility to obtain and maintain their placement. The minimum placement hours are essential for learners to achieve on their course. 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 else I need to know about the 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 Outcomes and Criteria, Medway Adult Education will then apply for your Accredited Certificate of Achievement.

Will there be additional costs?

None.

What could I go on to do after this course?

Learners who achieve these qualifications may work under supervision in a variety of roles, including:

- Early Years Practitioner
- Classroom Assistant
- Pre-school Practitioner

Learners are also able to progress to level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and other relevant qualifications:

- Level 2 or Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Autism
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Behaviour that Challenges
- Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health

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.

What is the 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 IT/Digital skills used and enhanced on this course?

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

Health and Safety

We try to make sure your class is as safe as possible. If you are worried about anything, please talk to your tutor or our Safeguarding Officer. Learners are expected to manage their learning environment safely.

For e-learning courses - etiquette and safe learning

Not applicable.