

EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR

Course Mode	Part-time
Location	Westmorland Campus
Duration	33 Weeks
Level	3



Course Overview

This pathway provides the suitable level of occupational competence to meet regulatory and registration requirements for the sector.

Achievement of this pathway will enable apprentices to access higher level jobs within the sector, e.g. Nursery Supervisor, Nursery Manager, Pre-school Manager/Co-ordinator, etc. There is also opportunity for apprentices to go on to further study at higher levels, particularly working towards Foundation Degrees in Early Years. This in turn will support the achievement of Early Years Professional Status (Graduate level).

See DfE website for further information on: <https://www.gov.uk/early-years-initial-teacher-training-a-guide-for-providers>

You will study the Level 3 Diploma in Children's Learning and Development (Early Years Educator) (QCF) which includes topics such as:

- Understand Children's Early Years Education and Development
- Implementing Early Years Foundation Stage
- Plan and Provide Effective Teaching and Learning in Early Years Settings
- Understanding How to Promote Play and Learning in the Early Years

NB: From the 1st August 2015 any persons signing onto the EYE qualification must have already gained the GCSE qualifications in Maths and English at Grade A-C. If you do not hold a GCSE Grade A-C in Maths or English you will need to achieve the necessary grade/s prior enrolling on the EYE qualification. Our success rates for mature learners taking GCSEs are very high. Please contact Student Services for more information: 01539 814700/ enquiries@kendal.ac.uk

Any learners with grade C or above GCSE (or O level) will be exempt from doing the GCSE's again.

Suitable candidates may be expected to attend group sessions or be supported on a 1:1 basis and take part in work based assessments. Candidates will demonstrate proof of competence through their own work whilst on the programme. Methods of assessment used by the assessors are assignments, case studies, observations, witness testimonies, reflective accounts and some work products.

The candidate will be expected to produce a portfolio of evidence. Assessment and verification will be undertaken by the college. This will be carried out by qualified lecturers, assessors and internal verifiers.

Entry Requirements

From the 1st August 2015 any persons signing onto the EYE qualification will be required to achieve GCSE qualifications in Maths and English at Grade A-C on completion of the course if not already held. To confirm, any learners with grade C or above will be exempt from doing the GCSE's again.

As the level of this qualification (L3) determines that the applicant should be working at a level where they may either be working on their own or supervising others, the applicant should have prior experience of the sector and be employed or volunteering in a position whereby they would be able to demonstrate the competencies required at this level.

As part of the entry criteria for this course you will need to have a check completed by the Disclosure and Barring service. This does not mean that if you have any previous convictions or warnings that you will not be able to join this programme, but an assessment will be completed as to your suitability to progress on to the programme. Please discuss with us in confidence if you have concerns about the content of your check.

You will need to be working or on a voluntary placement within a childcare environment for a minimum of 2 days a week. This could be within a children's centre, childminding setting, a nursery or school Early Years class. Students should organise this before enrolment.

You will also need to attend an interview with one of the Childhood Studies team to assess your suitability. Please contact Diane Fryer - Email: Diane.Fryer@kendal.ac.uk

After your course

Early Years Educator.

Job roles include:

Nursery Worker/Supervisor often working in a supervisory role (but not necessarily) within a nursery/early learning and childcare setting, providing care for young children.

Nursery Nurse / Nursery Teaching Assistant Delivering the Early Years Foundation Stage within a maintained school setting.

Fees

£1999.00

The fee displayed is the course fee. Course fees are per year for full-time & degree-level courses, and per course for part-time courses.

There may be other costs associated with this course e.g. kit, equipment, books, trips etc. Financial support may be available to support you with these. See the [Student Money](#) pages for more information.

Courses Fees

The current full-time & degree-level fee information is related to the 2022/23 academic year.

Entry Level, Level 1 & Level 2 Courses

You may qualify for financial support to cover the cost of a government-funded qualification if any of the below apply to you:

- Have an annual salary of less than £18,525
- Receive an eligible means-tested benefit e.g. JSA, ESA or Universal Credit
- Are aged 16-18 on 31/08/22 and are not studying at another school/college
- Are aged 19 or over on 31/08/22 and do not already have a Level 1, 2 or 3 qualification
- Have a household income under £35,000 and are in financial hardship

See the [Student Money](#) pages for more information.