

# EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

## EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR

### Level 3 Apprenticeship

#### What will an apprentice learn?

Early Years Educators are highly trained professionals who play a key role in ensuring young children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. They work in a range of settings including full day care, children's centres, pre schools, reception classes and as childminders. They may either be working on their own or supervising others to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements set by Government for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. Topics include:

- Developing effective study skills
- Promote the partnership working with parents model and support positive behaviour with children
- Promote diversity, equality and inclusion
- Work in partnership with colleagues and other professionals
- Plan and implement activities, play opportunities and educational programmes
- Promote children's health and welfare
- Promote health and safety of children
- Support children's speech, language and communication development
- Support organisational requirements for recording, storing and disclosing information and providing reports
- Support children's creative and imaginative play experiences
- Support children experiencing transitions and significant events



#### Programme length:

Up to 24 months



#### Pay:

Please see [www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](http://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)



#### Example job roles include:

Nursery Assistant/ Childminder Special Educational Needs Assistant/ Playworker/ Preschool Assistant



#### Achieve:

- Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (Early Years Educator)
- If required: Functional Skills (IT, English, Maths)

**Next steps... with additional experience, an Early Years Educator can become the manager of an early years setting**



#### Qualifications needed:

Maths and English GCSE, grade C/4 (or equivalent).

**If you do not have these qualifications our team will support you to gain these skills alongside your apprenticeship.**



**We are here to help - speak to a member of our team:**  
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**E: [apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk](mailto:apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk)**

**[www.exe-coll.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.exe-coll.ac.uk/apprenticeships)**  
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# EXETER COLLEGE APPRENTICESHIPS



## Why choose Exeter College?



Best in South for employer satisfaction



950+ employer network



Ofsted Outstanding Provider



Friendly team dedicated to giving apprentices and employers support and guidance



Success rates 16% above UK average



90+ Apprentice programmes, at varying levels

## Childcare and Teaching facilities



Our dedicated staff have a wealth of experience and expertise, having all worked in the sector, which will provide you with knowledge and skills needed to succeed in your career.



Learn within a nurturing environment where you are given the opportunity to reach your full potential.

## FAQs

### How many days does an Apprentice attend college?

High quality training is provided by Exeter College for Apprentices throughout their programme. Apprentices spend approximately one day per week with the College during term time.

### How many hours does an Apprentice have to work each week?

An Apprentice should be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week. The day spent in College is included within the 30 hours. Apprentices must be paid for all working hours and training hours with the College, and must be given a contract of employment that sets out their terms.

### What will it cost an employer to hire an Apprentice?

This can vary depending on the age of the Apprentice and the size of the company. Please ask a member of the Apprenticeships Team for guidance.

### Levels of Apprenticeships:

Intermediate, Level 2 - equivalent to GCSE

Advanced, Level 3 - equivalent to A level

Higher, Level 4, 5, 6 & 7 - equivalent to undergraduate degree and above

For more information about becoming an Apprentice or employing an Apprentice please contact our dedicated Apprenticeship Team on 01392 400 800. You can also visit an Exeter College Open Evening or call to book a place at one of our regular Apprenticeship information sessions.

If you are thinking about doing an Apprenticeship, please follow these steps:

1. Contact the Exeter College Apprenticeship team and speak to a Training Recruitment Advisor
2. 'Apply' to Exeter College via [apply.exe-coll.ac.uk](http://apply.exe-coll.ac.uk) and attend an interview
3. Start searching for a job with a local employer - we can offer guidance and share current vacancies from our employer network

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