

Child Care Apprenticeships

Course Information

The child care profession is not only very rewarding and exciting, but extremely important because children need to be taken care of all of the time. Jobs within the industry can take place in a wide variety of places including nurseries, crèches, playgroups, hospitals and schools.

To work in child care employees need to be patient, warm and caring, be able to understand the social and emotional needs of children, have excellent communication and organisational skills, energy and stamina. Experienced staff can work up the career ladder to managerial or specialist positions within the industry.

Teaching assistants salaries range from £12,400 to £15,000 a year.

Source: Connexions

Nursery workers salaries range from £9,250 to £30,000 a year for nursery managers.

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What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are high quality work-based training programmes for people who want to earn while they learn and gain practical and transferable skills that today's employers are looking for.

Who are they for?

Apprenticeships are open to anyone living in England and not taking part in full-time education.

What do I need to start?

1. Previous training

- Three GCSEs D–G.

2. A job

You will need to have a job in the child care industry. You can either find an employer yourself or we can assist you with your job search. Call us to find out more.

How long will my apprenticeship take?

Each apprenticeship lasts up to two years.

What will I get out of it?

Earnings

Recent research found that apprentices earn an average of £170 net pay per week. Research also shows that apprentices earn, on average, over £100,000 more throughout their lifetime than other employees. As of August 2009 the minimum wage for an apprentice aged 16 years is £95 per week.

Qualifications

When you have successfully completed your apprenticeship in Child Care you will gain:

- NVQ Level 2 Children's Care, Learning & Development
- Technical Certificate Level 2
- 12 Hour Pediatric First Aid Certificate
- Key Skills.

Prospects

Apprenticeships train you in the skills employers want, so when you've finished you can carry on working, maybe get promoted, or go on to higher education in a college or university.

Experienced child care staff can work up the career ladder to managerial or specialist position within the industry.

How much does an apprenticeship cost?

The government cover the full cost of training for 16–18 year olds and contribute towards costs for those aged 19 or above.

How do I apply?

To apply for an apprenticeship you will need to fill out and return an application form.

To request an application form:

Tel: 01234 291000

Email: apprenticeships@bedford.ac.uk

Once complete, please send your application form to:

Apprenticeships
Bedford College
FREEPOST BF356
Bedford
MK42 9BR

Once we have reviewed your application form we may invite you for an interview and assessment.

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