

Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

Location	Stretford Campus
Course Type	Adult
Department	Childcare & Education
Start Date	Thursday 1st October 2026
Duration	Part-time, 1 Year
Time	17:30:00 - 21:00:00
Fee	£ 735.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	TPQ-AY2D-1100

Course Overview

The aim of this qualification is to provide learners with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to 7 years of age with applied knowledge in the early years, 0-5 years. Learners do not need to have previous experience or qualifications in working with children to undertake this qualification.

Course Requirements

Level 2 courses generally require 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and maths at grade 3.

Once at the College you will have to complete a Disclosure & Barring Service check. It is not possible to complete the course without satisfactory clearance.

What You Will Learn

The qualification content meets the Department for Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce. This qualification is ideal for learners looking to work with children between birth and 5 years, and gain knowledge of working with children up to 7 years.

Assessment

All units will be internally assessed using a range of methods. Knowledge based outcomes can be assessed using non-mandatory assessment tasks. Skills based outcomes must be achieved with reference to a real work environment and will include direct observation within the workplace.

Progression

This qualification allows progression on to the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualifications and other relevant Level 3 qualifications relating to early years and child care.

Career Options

This qualification allows a learner to count towards the Level 2 ratio as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner across the Early Years Workforce. Learners may work under supervision in a variety of roles such as:

- nursery practitioner
- classroom assistant
- pre-school practitioner.

Mandatory Units

To gain this qualification, learners must achieve a total of 37 credits from all 14 mandatory units:

Roles and Responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner

Health and Safety of Babies and Young Children in the Early Years

Equality, Diversity and Inclusive Practice in Early Years Settings

Safeguarding, Protection and Welfare of Babies and Young Children in Early Years Settings

Understand How to Support Children's Development

Support Care Routines for Babies and Young Children

Support the Planning and Delivery of Activities, Purposeful Play Opportunities and Educational Programmes

Promote Play in an Early Years Setting

Support Well-Being of Babies and Young Children for Healthy Lifestyles

Support Babies and Young Children to be Physically Active

Support the Needs of Babies and Young Children With Special Educational Needs and Disability

Promote Positive Behaviour in Early Years Settings

Partnership Working in the Early Years

Support the Needs of the Child in Preparing for School

Contact Details

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