



Level 3 Early Years Educator

Become a qualified early years professional with the knowledge and skills to plan and deliver engaging learning experiences. This programme prepares you for roles in nurseries, schools, and childcare settings.

Why Choose ACL?

If you love working with children and want to help them grow and learn, ACL's Early Years apprenticeships are a great place to start or to take your career further. You'll gain hands-on experience and learn how to create safe, engaging environments for young children.

- Train while you work in a real childcare setting
- Learn from tutors who care about your success
- Progress from assistant roles to leadership positions
- Make a difference in children's lives every day
- Study with an Ofsted Good provider

Progression Opportunities

After completing this programme, you could progress into leadership roles or progress onto our Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner Programme.

Modules Included

During this programme, you will study a wide range of topics, including:

- Child Development
- Curriculum Planning and Assessment
- Safeguarding
- Welfare and Wellbeing
- Inclusive Practice and SEN Support
- Professional Practice and Reflection
- Legislation and Regulation
- Play and Educational Activities

Typical Duration

This apprenticeship can typically be completed within 15-18 Months.

Training Method

Online, live workshop sessions, research, assignments and learning in the workplace.

Assessment Method

This apprenticeship will be assessed via the following methods:

- Observation with questioning
- Portfolio to support a professional discussion

Apprenticeship Assessment (AA) Organisation

NCFE

Costs & Funding

This programme has no cost to the apprentice. Employer costs are as follows:

Total non-funded cost: £7000

• Apprenticeship Levy

For Employers with Payroll Over £3m: 0.5% of payroll allocated into an apprenticeship account. 100% funding available for eligible apprenticeship training.

• Non-Levy Paying Employers

For Employers with Payroll Under £3m: 95% government-funded apprenticeship training. Only a 5% employer contribution required.

• Levy Transfer Service

ACL Essex can connect non-levy paying employers with levy-paying businesses willing to transfer unused funds, covering 100% of training costs.



View all early years training options