



Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner

Advance your career by leading practice and driving quality improvement in early years settings. This programme is designed for experienced practitioners ready to take on leadership roles.

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 advance to nursery manager, setting leader, or pursue further study in education or childcare management.

Modules Included

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

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Support self-regulation through sensitive play
- Lead daily routines and personal care
- Be an effective key person and advocate
- Lead best practice in observation
- Promote diversity and equality
- Ensure safeguarding compliance
- Demonstrate leaderful practice
- Health & Safety compliance
- Work in partnership with parents and carers
- And much more!

Typical Duration

This apprenticeship can typically be completed within 24-27 Months.

Training Method

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



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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: £9000

- **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.