Early Years Training with Bolton College

People with Early Years qualifications are always in demand and the government requires that those working in this sector – including before and after-school care – have accredited, up-to-date qualifications.

To support the needs of employers, we have developed a range of training courses that will help you to care for children in a variety of situations. You will learn about the health, education and social aspects of caring for children and their families. Career choices after successful completion of a course include nursing, nursery and primary teaching, social work, nursery manager, play worker, hospital play specialist and other related professional roles.

The tutors teaching on our childcare courses are all highly qualified and have a range of occupational expertise including nursing, health visiting, primary school teaching, social work and nursery nursing.

Please turn over for our range of Early Years programmes, from introductory to Level 4, with clear progression pathways to university and employment.

Find Out About Early Years – A five week introductory course to the role of an Early Years Educator.

Level 1 Award - An Introduction to Early Years Settings – After successful completion of the FOAEY's course, you can automatically progress on to our accredited Level 1 award, where you will learn more about Early Years education and the different types of settings within the industry. This course runs for 10 weeks and prepares you for progression to Level 2.

Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner – While gaining experience within Early Years, this course will qualify you to be counted in Early Years statutory ratio requirements. You will learn how to care, educate and support children from birth to five years in Early Years settings.

Level 3 Diploma for Working in the Early Year Sector (Early Years Educator) – Upon successful completion of this course, you will achieve Early Years Educator Status, which is a licence to practise within Early Years education. You will learn about the learning and development needs of children, Early Years Foundation Stage frameworks, theories that underpin Early Years education and how to successfully observe, assess and plan for children in your care.

Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner EVENING COURSE - This is available for Level 3 practitioners to further enhance their knowledge and skills within the Early Years industry, with units focusing on Leadership and Management; Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO); and Physical and Nutritional Coordinator status (PANCO).

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship - Each Apprenticeship is exclusively tailored to your training needs, based around your daily tasks and duties. You will learn how to care for children from birth to 5 and must be able to demonstrate your skills of working with babies, toddlers and preschool children. Approximately 80% of your qualification will be gained in the workplace; throughout, you will be supported by dedicated workbase tutor.

Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship - Each Apprenticeship is exclusively tailored to your training needs, based around your daily tasks and duties. Approximately 80% of your qualification will be gained in the workplace; throughout, you will be supported by a dedicated Work Based Tutor.

SENCo EVENING COURSE - Special Needs Co-ordinators in Early Years Setting NCFE CACHE Award Level 3 week course - To promote equality of opportunity for children care, all Early Years providers are required to have arrangements in place to identify and support children with SEND; if you're a Level 3 Practitioner, this qualification will insure that you're able to provide the best possible educational outcomes for children with SEND.

