**Childcare Apprenticeship**
Work and study at the same time with an apprenticeship.

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### Entry requirements

- Aged 16+
- Working in or interested in child learning and development
- Need to complete a basic skills assessment in literacy and numeracy
- Ability to support the care and learning needs of children and young people
- Potential to develop positive relationships with children, young people and their parents.

**An apprenticeship is the answer for you!**

### What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are designed for people who want to train on the job and get a qualification.

You will get:
- A wage
- A nationally recognised qualification
- Technical knowledge
- Skills in literacy, numeracy and ICT.

You will be based in the workplace and do some of your training at Uxbridge College.

We offer apprenticeships at two levels:
- Intermediate Apprenticeship Level 2 – equivalent to five good GCSE passes
- Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3 – equivalent to two A-level passes.

### What is a Childcare Apprenticeship like?

This apprenticeship is for people who want to work with children and young people – from birth to 19-year-olds (and their families) in settings or services whose main purpose is children’s care, learning and development. This Apprenticeship helps you gain an understanding into the ‘hows’ and ‘whys’ of their development. Equally, it ensures candidates put childcare theory into practice.

The Intermediate Level is for those working under supervision such as a nursery assistant or playgroup assistant working with children under five.

The Advanced Level is for those who work on their own initiative, planning and organising their own work and/or supervising others, for example, a nursery nurse, playgroup leader or a childminder working in their own home.

### Apply today!

Contact our apprenticeships department on
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Please see the frequently asked questions section on the next page for more information!

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What do I study in this apprenticeship?
Here are a few examples of the units you may study –

Level 2
✓ Introduction to communication in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
✓ Support children and young people’s positive behaviour
✓ Understand partnership working in services for children and young people.

Level 3
✓ Promote equality and inclusion in health, social care or children’s and young people’s settings
✓ Develop positive relationships with children, young people and others involved in their care
✓ Context and principles for early years provision.

Frequently asked questions

What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?
✓ Your existing skills and knowledge are recognised and can help you gain a qualification faster
✓ Learn at your own pace and get support when you need it
✓ Experience new and different challenges
✓ Gain a range of skills and knowledge.

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Do I already need to have a job?
You should have a job working a minimum of 30 hours per week. However, if you are unemployed, please contact us and we may be able to assist you with finding an employer.

Alternatively, we also post vacancies on our website that you can apply for, please visit www.uxbridgecollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships

How much does it cost?
There is no cost for you to do an apprenticeship if you are 16-23 years old and you will be paid a wage.

How long does it take?
Apprenticeships usually take one year for Level 2 and 18-24 months for Level 3, depending on previous experience and competence.

How am I assessed?
Assessments are carried out in your workplace.

Our assessor will come and visit you at work every 6-8 weeks and assess you in your job role. Visits usually last around two hours.

What happens when I complete my apprenticeship?
✓ Further study: If you complete a Level 2 Apprenticeship, you may be able to progress onto Level 3. Apprentices that complete Level 3 may be able to go onto a Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4).

✓ Job opportunities:

  Level 2: Early Years worker/assistant, care worker/assistant and assistant youth support & community worker.

  Level 3: Nursery worker/supervisor, childminder, nursery nurse / nursery teaching assistant, residential care and special needs support.