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Early Years Programmes

Discover our fully-funded Early Years training programmes





“Completing my Early Years Initial Teacher Training with Best Practice Network remains one of my greatest achievements. I found the course to be challenging, yet inspiring.”

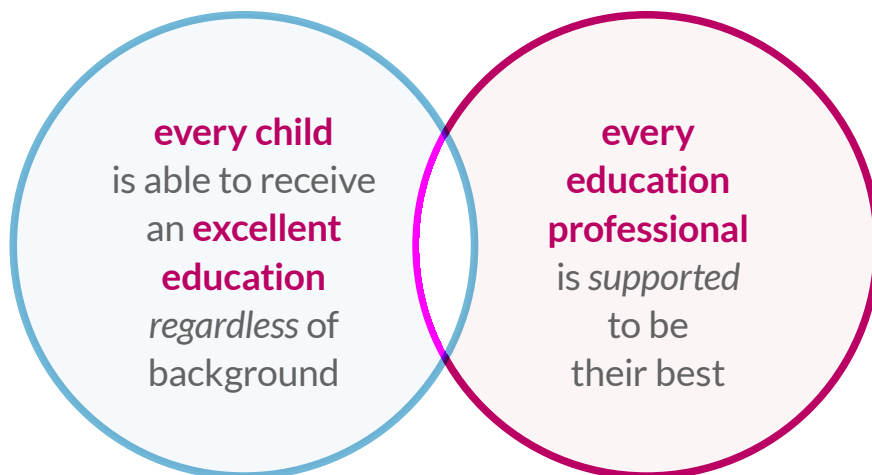
Charlotte Reynolds, EYITT Candidate

“The thing that stood out most for me is just how organised it all is, everything that I need to find is easily accessible. Furthermore, after completing tasks, the quality of the responses from the tutors has been excellent, the whole package is really well organised.”

Ben Wright, Apprenticeship Candidate

At Best Practice Network, we recognise how important the early years are in children's development.

We have a vision that...



Supporting you to support them

Our Early Years programmes

Early Years Initial Teacher Training (EYITT)

We are the largest provider of EYITT and the only provider that delivers all over the country. We are proud to maintain a 100% pass rate for EYITT over the past 3 years.

Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 Apprenticeship

Currently working with over 700 apprentices, we have used our experience in apprenticeships and early years to develop the highly anticipated Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 Apprenticeship.

Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship

Coming soon!

We also offer a **Level 4 Certificate for the Early Years Advanced Practitioner** and a **Physical Activity and Nutrition Coordinator (PANCo)**.

More information on our early years programmes can be found at bestpracticenet.co.uk/early-years



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Early Years Initial Teacher Training (EYITT)

The only teacher training focused on the birth to five age range
EYITT leads to Early Years Teacher Status and is designed for those who wish to specialise in early childhood development work with children across the birth to five age range.

Who is it for?





- Graduate early years practitioners who may work in a range of settings across the birth to five sector, including nurseries, schools, home-based settings
- Graduates who want to join the early years sector
- Full-time undergraduates on Early Childhood Studies degree programmes

Entry requirements

- GCSE Grade C and above (or recognised equivalent) in Maths, English and Science
- A degree on entry – the degree can be from any area of study

Routes to EYITT

We offer two funded routes to Early Years Teacher Status:

	 Funding	 Placement	 Status	 Training
Graduate Entry Route (GE)	Fully funded by the DfE Up to £5,000 bursary	120 days of placements	Full-time training	Monthly training days
Graduate Employment-based Route (GEB)	Fully funded by the DfE Up to £7,000 bursary	A placement within KS1	Part-time training Experience needed in at least two settings (one of which must be reception)	1-2 training days a month
You can work towards Early Years Teacher Status whilst being employed in an early years setting/school				

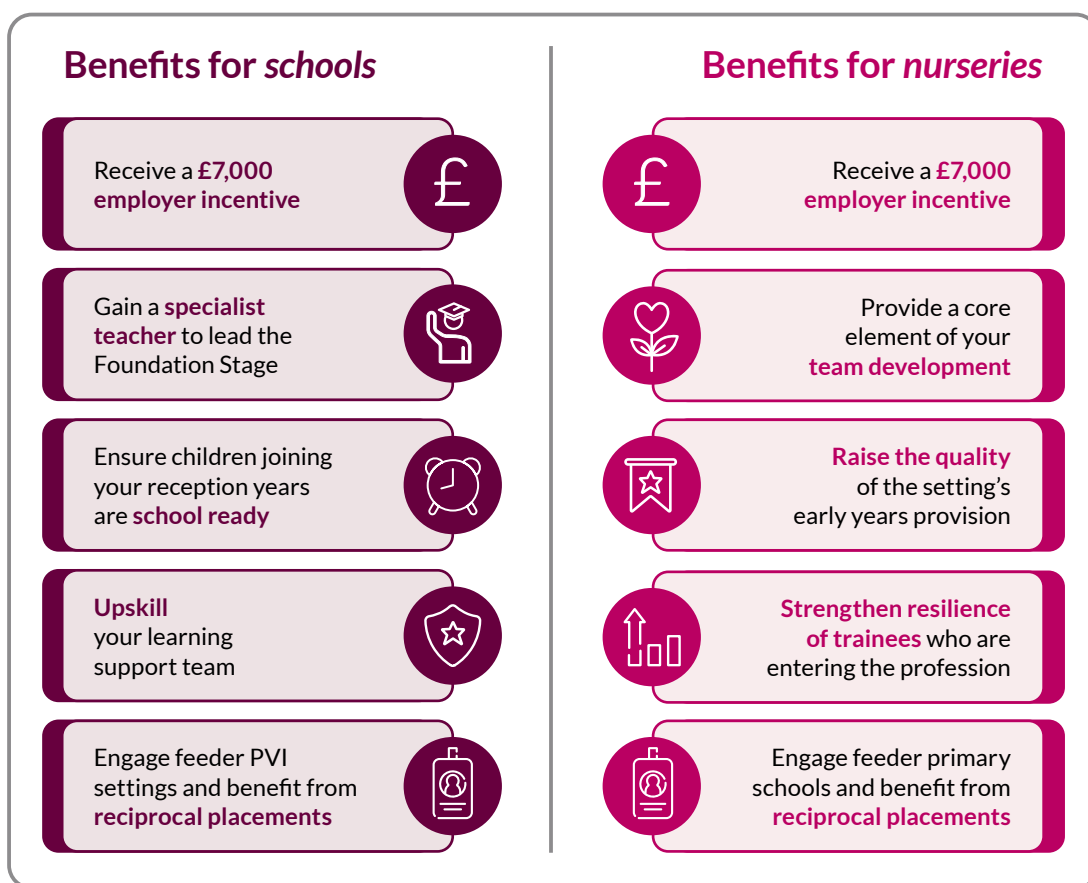
How is it delivered?

The Graduate Entry and the Graduate Employment-Based routes run from September to June.

The EYITT programme is a blended programme consisting of:

- 9 locally-delivered face-to-face training sessions and tailored online learning
- Weekly observations and meetings with a workplace mentor
- Support from a Best Practice Network personal tutor including observation and assessment of teaching and care across the 0–5 age range
- A personalised training plan including reflections on workplace learning
- Placement experience in at least two settings or schools

Why choose us?



What will be achieved?

Early Years Teacher Status is awarded to graduates who are leading education and care. Graduates must have met all of the Teachers' Standards (Early Years) in practice from birth to the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

What are the career options?

Early Years Teachers can work in all private, voluntary, and independent (PVI) early years settings which is where the majority of children and early years provision is based. They can also work in free schools, academies and independent schools which can employ teaching staff without the requirement for them to have QTS.

Learn more at bestpracticenet.co.uk/eyitt



Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 Apprenticeship

A funded work-based training programme in an Early Years setting Best Practice Network has developed this industry-leading programme that will deliver the knowledge base alongside the skills and behaviours an apprentice will attain in the workplace.

What is an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are work-based training programmes that are designed to help employers train people for specific job roles. Apprentices get a paying job with valuable training while they work towards a nationally recognised apprenticeship standard. An apprenticeship can be for new or existing staff.

Who is it for?

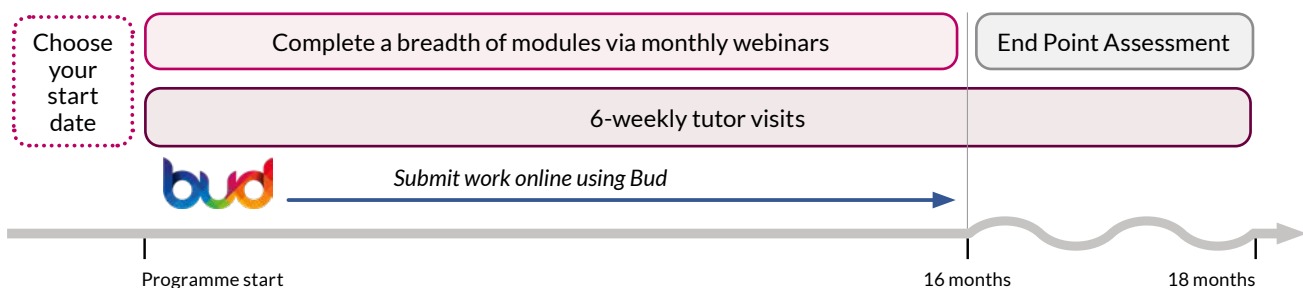
- Ideal for someone looking to pursue a career as an Early Years Educator, Nursery Teaching Assistant, Nursery Nurse, Supervisor, or Child Minder
- Suitable for either someone already working in or someone looking for a career in, an early years childcare and education setting

Entry requirements

- No age restrictions
- GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C (4) or above or able to achieve Level 2 English and Maths whilst on programme

How is it delivered?

- This programme has monthly start dates – it does not run as per the typical academic year
- Work is submitted using **Bud**, the cutting-edge online platform, which is easy to use and includes login access for employers to keep track of their apprentice's progress



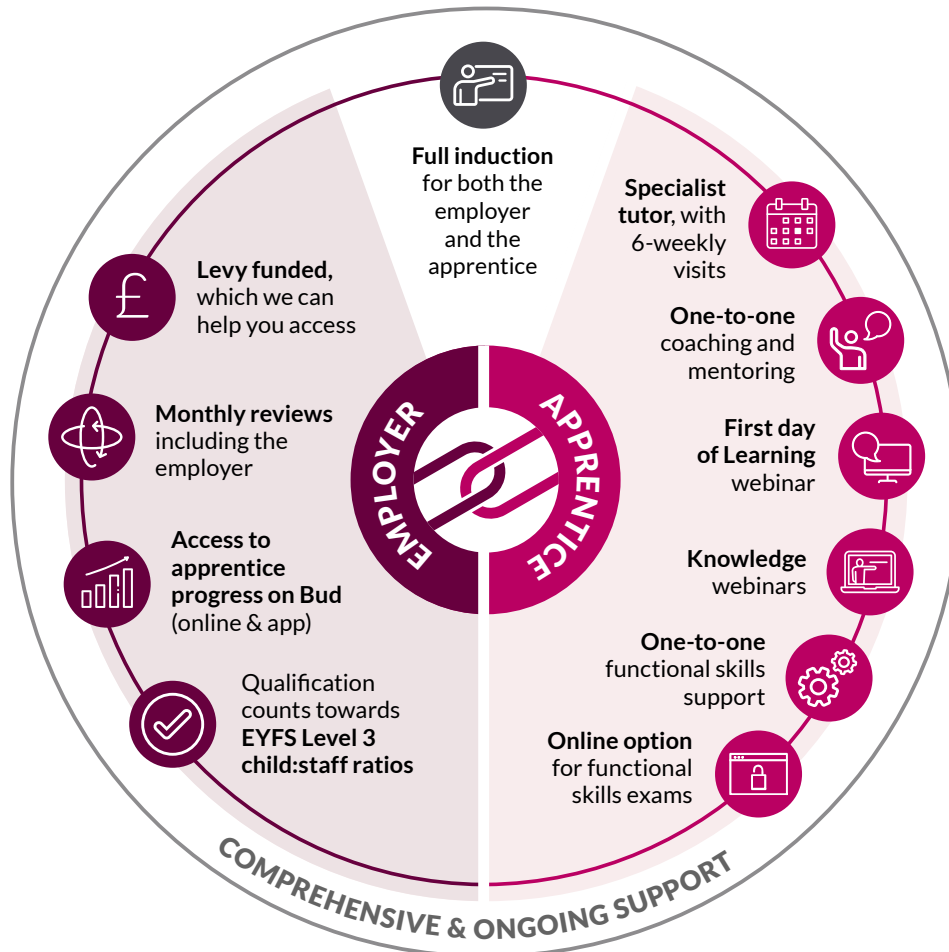
Why choose us?

Supporting employers

We recognise how important it is to you that you find apprentices who are the best fit for your early years setting, that they have ongoing support, and that you know how they are progressing at every step.

Supporting apprentices

By joining the Best Practice Network apprentice programme, the apprentice can be assured that they're joining a program that supports them every step of the way and equips them to succeed, both in the program and in their career.



What qualifications will be earned?

On successful completion of the apprenticeship, the following will be awarded:

- Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship
- NCFE Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (EYE)
- An additional qualification in Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid OR Level 3 Award in Emergency Paediatric First Aid

The Early Years Educator Level 3 standard meets the early years educator criteria. Apprentices will achieve an EYE qualification, which has been approved to count towards the EYFS level 3 child: staff ratios.

Funding

This program qualifies for funding from the English apprentice levy fund. Best Practice Network provide support to candidates and their employers in order to access this funding.

If your organisation does not pay into the levy, then it always co-invests with the government. The maximum amount your organisation will pay for apprenticeship training is 5% of the total cost.

There is also an employer incentive payment of up to £4000 available for apprentices for a limited period of time.

Learn more at bestpracticenet.co.uk/eye-level3-apprenticeship

Level 2 option
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Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship

An entry level work-based Early Years training programme

Based on the same delivery model as our Early Years Educator Level 3 apprenticeship, our Early Years experts have developed this 12-month funded apprenticeship for those wanting to enter a career as a Nursery Practitioner, Classroom Assistant or Pre-school Practitioner.



Employer incentive up to £4k – available for a limited period!
Levy funded, which we can help you access



Delivering a **higher level of support** with monthly tutor visits and taught sessions



Career progression opportunity on completion with our Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 Apprenticeship

Visit our
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Learn more at bestpracticenet.co.uk/ey-practitioner-l2-apprenticeship

Best Practice Network is a national provider of training, development, and support for education professionals with 97% of our participants recommending us to a colleague.

We work in close partnership with practising education professionals to develop and deliver high-quality programmes.

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