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Early Years Programmes

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training programmes

Fully
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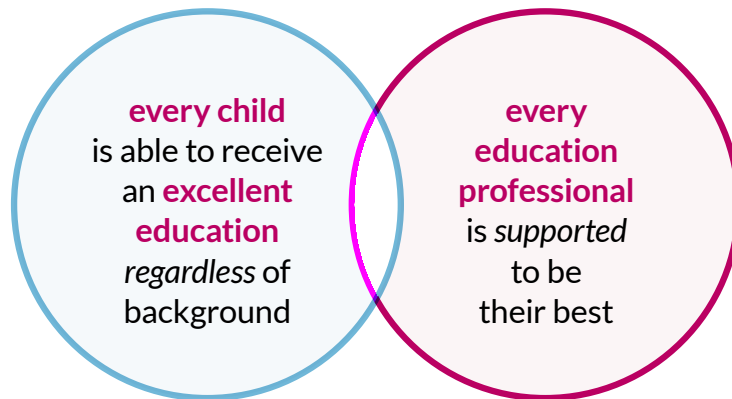
“Completing my Early Years Initial Teacher Training with Best Practice Network remains one of my greatest achievements.

I found the course to be challenging, yet inspiring.”

Charlotte Reynolds,
EYITT participant

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

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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 four years.

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Currently working with over 850 apprentices, we have used our experience in apprenticeships and early years to develop highly sought-after early years apprenticeships from level 2 up to level 5.

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

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100%
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rate

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

- A degree on entry (from any area of study)
- GCSE Grade C or above (or recognised equivalent) in Maths, English and Science. If candidates do not have these qualifications then we can advise on completing an equivalency test instead.

Qualifications obtained outside of the UK may be accepted with a Statement of Comparability.

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 |
| <i>You can work towards Early Years Teacher Status whilst being employed in an early years setting/school</i> | | | | |

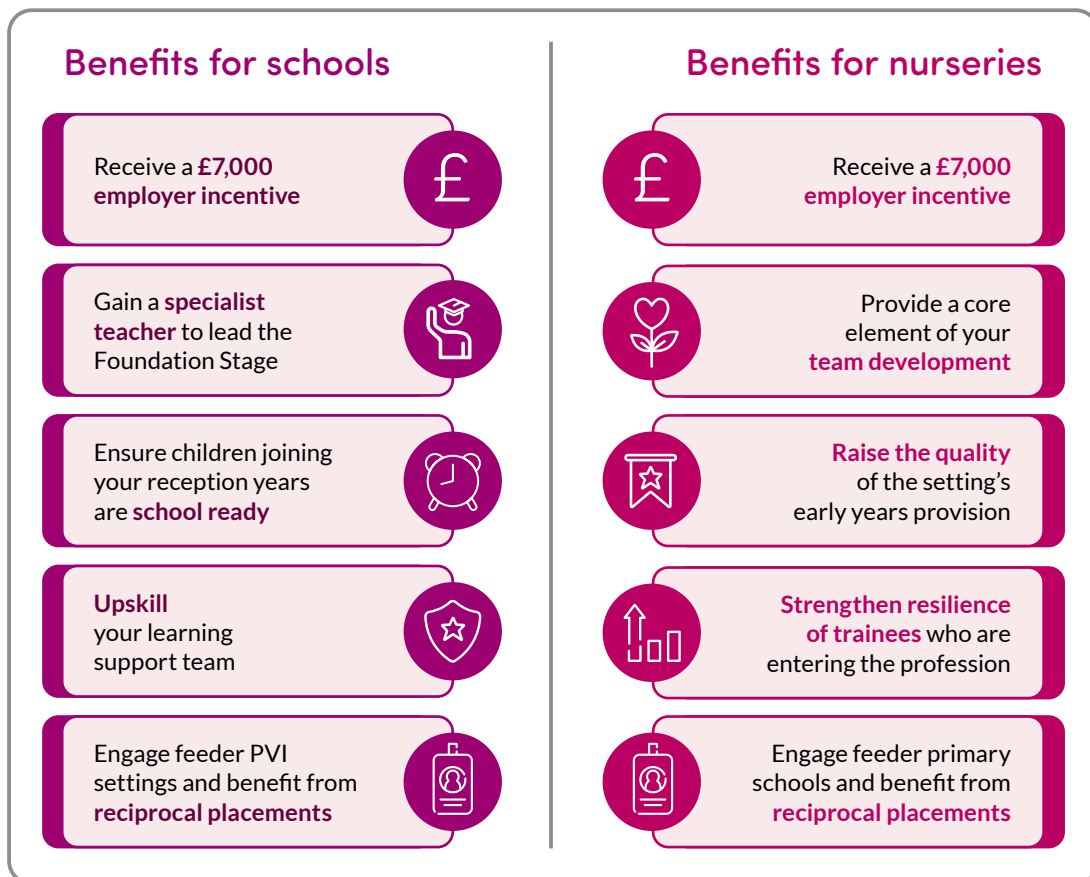
How is it delivered?

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.



Early Years Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships can be used to recruit, upskill and retrain your staff

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.

Best Practice Network is a national apprenticeship provider working exclusively with schools and nurseries to deliver apprenticeship training in leadership and the early years.

Funding

Most schools and nurseries have access to ring-fenced funding to support staff at all levels onto apprenticeship training programmes.

These programs qualify 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.

Supporting employers

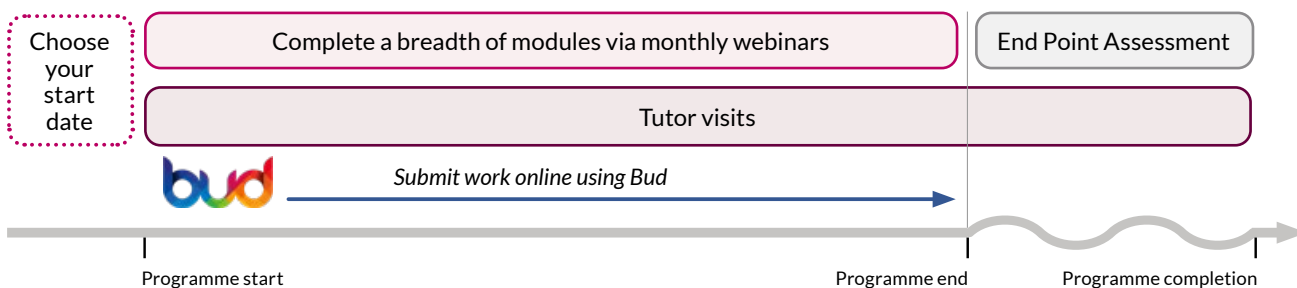
We recognise how important it is to you that you find apprentices who are the best fit for your early years setting, that they have ongoing support, and that you know how they are progressing at every step.

Benefits for nurseries

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.

How are our apprenticeships 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



Apprentices are required to spend 20% of their working hours acquiring new workplace skills, knowledge and behaviours. However, this includes any work-place activities that bring new learning.





Early Years Practitioner (EYP) Level 2

An entry level qualification for those wanting to start a career in early years

Best Practice Network has combined the essentials of early years theory and practical application, making this programme the perfect introduction to a career in early years.

Who is it for?

- An entry level work-based Early Years training programme, ideal for those wanting to enter a career as a Nursery Practitioner, Classroom Assistant or Pre-school Practitioner
- Suitable for either someone already working in or someone looking for a career in, an early years childcare and education setting

Entry requirements

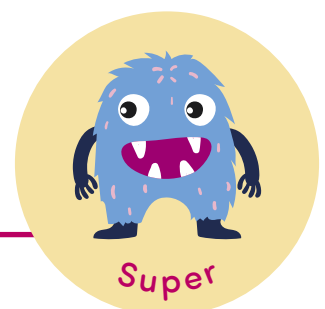
- No age restrictions

Apprentices must have:

- Support from your employer and levy account holder
- Successful interview
- Residency in the UK for the last three years

Benefits

- ✔ Learn how to support and promote children's early education and development, contribute to the planning and the organisation of activities in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, and support the collection of accurate and up-to-date records which identify children's individual needs, abilities and progress
- ✔ Develop effective and informed practice and safeguard and promote the health, safety and welfare of children
- ✔ The apprenticeship is levy-funded, with an employer incentive payments available
- ✔ Apprentices receive a higher level of support with monthly tutor visits and taught sessions



Learn more at bestpracticenet.co.uk/EYP



Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3

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.

Who is it for?

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

Entry requirements

- No age restrictions

Apprentices must have:

- GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C (4) or above or able to achieve Level 2 English and Maths whilst on programme
- Successful completion of entry interview
- Support from your employer and levy account holder
- Residency in the UK for the last three years

Benefits

- ✓ Learn how to support and promote children's early education and development, plan and provide effective care, teaching and learning that enables children to progress and prepares them for school
- ✓ Make accurate and productive use of assessment and develop effective and informed practice
- ✓ The apprenticeship is levy-funded, with an employer incentive payments available



Learn more at bestpracticenet.co.uk/EYE

NEW!



Early Years Lead Practitioner (EYLP) Level 5

A funded work-based training programme focused on those working with and caring for children from birth to 8 years

Building on our entry level programmes and using our industry expertise to build a programme for those wanting to further their knowledge and careers.

Who is it for?

- Suitable for someone already working in early years who is looking to lead, or is already leading, on the operational aspects of their setting.

Entry requirements

- No age restrictions

Apprentices must have:

- GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C (4) or above or able to achieve Level 2 English and Maths whilst on programme
- Successful completion of entry interview
- Support from your employer and levy account holder
- Residency in the UK for the last three years

Benefits

- ✔ Learn how to support and promote children's early education and development, support the quality of learning and development at your setting and lead day-to-day practice at an operational level
- ✔ Engage with sector developments both locally and nationally and work in partnership with the key person, colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals
- ✔ The apprenticeship is levy-funded, with an employer incentive payments available



Learn more at
bestpracticenetwork.co.uk/EYLP

Apprenticeships: At a glance

| | Early Years Practitioner (EYP) Level 2 | Early Years Educator (EYE) Level 3 | Early Years Lead Practitioner (EYLP) Level 5 |
|--|--|---|--|
| Eligibility | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C (4) or above or able to achieve Level 2 English and Maths whilst on programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C (4) or above or able to achieve Level 2 English and Maths whilst on programme Level 3 Early Years Educator or Equivalent Qualifications / Experience |
| Programme duration | 12 months | Up to 18 months | Up to 24 months |
| Levy funded | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Full induction for both the employer and the apprentice | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dedicated Tutor | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Tutor Visits | Monthly | Every 6 weeks | Every 6 weeks |
| Monthly reviews | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Taught lessons | ✓ | | |
| Knowledge webinars | | ✓ | ✓ |
| One-to-one functional skills support | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Learner access to our E-learning Platform Bud for building E-portfolio | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Setting access to our E-learning Platform Bud to be able to track learner progress | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Qualifications earned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship NCFE Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (EYE). Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid OR Level 3 Award in Emergency Paediatric First Aid | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 5 Early Years Lead Practitioner Apprenticeship |
| Qualification counts towards EYFS Level 3 child:staff ratios | | ✓ | ✓ |

How to apply

Employers should contact Best Practice Network via EYApprenticeships@bestpracticenet.co.uk to reserve a place on the required programme. We will then support the employer in gathering all necessary information, recruitment, registering with Apprenticeship Service Account and funding applications.

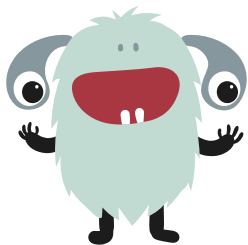
Apprentices should complete the application via the programme page on our [website](#), where they will need to upload proof of existing qualifications and complete a short Maths and English initial assessment where necessary.

If you're a candidate that doesn't have an employer yet, email us with your name, phone number and location and we will arrange a call to discuss your options and to support you towards finding an apprenticeship.

It's also worth checking out the current vacancies on the National Apprenticeship Service at www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Best Practice Network is a registered apprenticeship training provider and an accredited provider of professional development for education professionals nationally, 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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