



National Professional Qualification in Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)



NPQEYL AT A GLANCE

Course Duration: 21 months (18 months and 3 months assessment)

Face-to-Face events: 2

- 10.5 hours of seminars
- Online training
- Allocated learning group
- Visit to another setting

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What is the National Professional Qualification for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)?

The NPQEYL is a professional development course, which has been designed with leaders and practitioners in mind, using the latest and best available evidence and collective wisdom of the profession to ensure every child in every setting gets the best start in life. It is designed to support early years leaders to develop expertise in leading high-quality education and care, as well as in effective staff and organisational management.

Is this the right course for you?

If you are, or want to be, a manager of a Private, Voluntary and Independent nursery, headteacher of a school-based or maintained nursery, or a childminder with leadership responsibilities, this course will provide you with training on culture, child development, curriculum and assessment, Additional and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), professional development, organisational management, implementation and working in partnership.

What benefits will the course bring to you and your setting?

Leaders of early years settings need to have expertise across a number of areas. The NPQEYL will help you develop essential knowledge and skills that underpin successful leadership of a high-quality nursery, including how to:

- Establish an effective culture across the nursery
- Deliver a high-quality and ambitious curriculum that meets the needs of all your learners and ensures all children experience success
- Support staff to engage in effective professional development
- Manage resources effectively
- Work successfully with parents, services and other early years settings

How is the course delivered?

NPQEYL is an 18-month programme which can be completed either part-time or full-time. The programme is delivered through a mix of online face to face training and a visit to another setting. One-to-one support is also available for those programme members working in eligible settings.



How much does it cost?

The Department is offering funded training scholarships to cover the cost of the course for academic years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. If your setting is not eligible for the scholarship funding, there is an option to pay for the NPQEYL.

When does the NPQEYL start?

Two cohorts are being offered in 2022-2023, the first will begin in October the second in the new year.



Entry requirements

You should hold a full and approved Level 3 Early Years qualification. 'Full and relevant qualifications' are defined as level 3 qualifications (or higher) that demonstrate depth and level of learning appropriate to specified outcomes of full early years, childcare or play work qualifications.

The qualification should have valid, reliable assessment and awarding procedures and must include an element of assessed performance evidence.

If you do not hold a full and approved Level 3 Early Years qualification you will be asked to provide a minimum of 100 words (max 200) detailing your experience relating to Early Years, Childcare or Play work.

You should be, or should aspire to be one of the following:

- A manager of a private, voluntary or independent nursery
- A headteacher of a school-based or maintained nursery
- A childminder with leadership responsibilities

Applicants will also require a Teacher Reference Number (TRN). Potential participants without a TRN can email the Teaching Regulation Agency at gts.enquiries@education.gov.uk to obtain one. The team aim to respond to valid email requests within 5 working days.

How will I be assessed?

To pass the NPQEYL, participants will need to engage with at least 90% of the course and complete a final assessment.

The final assessment will present a work-based situation the participant might expect to face as an Early Years Leader. You will have eight days to provide a 1500 - 2500 word written response in an 'open book' setting.

What are the next steps?

The formal application process will open on the 1st of September. As places are limited, we recommend that you submit your application as soon as possible. The application process will be in two parts. Once you have completed part one then part two will be made available to you.

What evidence will I need to support my application?

- In-school Sponsor

For Early Years practitioners and leaders working in school setting a signed agreement

- Headteacher
/declaration/email from:

- In-school coach
- Line manager
- Chair of Governors
- Business Manager



The signed agreement will need to confirm the information submitted by the participant identification matches the information submitted on the NPQ Registration Service and that the participant is employed by the school, childcare provider or childminder agency submitted on the NPQ Registration Service for is true to their knowledge.

For Early Years practitioners and leaders, employed and/or working at Childcare providers or working as a childminder registered on the Ofsted Early Years Register, proof of:

- a) Employment verification
- b) Letter from current employer (on headed paper stating how long the applicant has been in their employment, that they are ready to complete the NPQEYL and will be supported to do so.
- c) A recent payslip
- d) A signed contract of employment
- e) Self-assessment tax return
- f) Ofsted certificate of registration

For those applicants registered with an Ofsted registered Childminder Agency, caring for early years children a copy of:

- a) Certificate of registration from Childminder Agency, which confirms they are registered as an early years provider
- b) Contract of employment or payslip which confirms childminder is registered with an Ofsted-registered Childminder Agency
- c) In the event these are not available, NPQ Providers should contact the relevant Childminder Agency directly

Who do I contact if I have a query regarding my application?

NPQEYL/LL Programme Coordinator Rhian Evans NPQ@bestpracticenet.co.uk or 0117 920 9200

What happens once I submitted my application?

All applicants will receive acknowledgement that their application has been received. In due course you will be contacted to confirm whether you have been accepted onto the programme and then induction information will be shared prior to the start of the course.

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