



# Early Years Initial Teacher Training

## Training route summary - Graduate Entry

This training route summary sets out what you can expect from the Graduate Entry training route to Early Years Teacher Status - the specialist teaching status for those leading care and education of babies and young children up to the age of five.

The information provided below is not intended to be exhaustive but gives you an outline of what you can expect and what will be expected of you.

### Duration

- 12 months full time.

### Commitment

- You need to be available on a full time basis.
- The EYITT programme must be your main priority.

### Content - needs led

- Knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- The Teachers' Standards (Early Years).
- The birth to five age range.
- Progression to Key Stage 1 (5-7 year olds).
- Ongoing review and formative assessment.

### Key features

- ✓ Fully funded by the DfE
- ✓ Up to £5,000 bursary
- ✓ 120 days of placements
- ✓ Complete in 12 months, full-time
- ✓ Monthly training days
- ✓ Assignments and an eportfolio over 12 months
- ✓ Personal tutor support

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## 120 days placement

- In settings/schools across the birth to five age range.
- Normally three block placements in a range of early years settings/schools including at least one serving a more disadvantaged community.
- A 10 day placement within Key Stage 1.
- 3-4 days a week, sometimes 5.
- You may need to be in settings in the early morning or late afternoon to gain a balanced experience.
- You will not arrange the placements yourself.

## Training days and meetings

- Training days normally once or twice a month.
- Smaller group meetings.
- Progress meetings within the setting/school with your tutor/mentor.

## Support

- A personal tutor who will visit and observe you in each placement.
- A setting/school based mentor for day to day support and feedback.
- The Best Practice Network placement co-ordinator to liaise with you and arrange suitable placements.
- A virtual learning environment - e learning modules, a resource bank and forums.

## Assessment

- An eportfolio that you build up gradually.
- Formative assessment from the setting/school and your personal tutor.
- Evidence bundles - a powerful source of evidence to demonstrate the impact that you have on a child's learning over a period of time.
- Action plans - reviewed and updated at mid-point and finish of each placement.
- Assignments - can be built up during the programme, demonstrate the Teachers' Standards (Early Years).
- Observation records - from the settings/schools and your personal tutor.
- Moderation of assessment judgements.

## Funding

- Fees paid by The DfE
- £5,000 bursary for a 1st class degree holder, £4,000 for a 2:1 and £2,000 for a 2:2.

## Ready to apply?

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