



Welcome

Working in early years education,
supporting children aged 0-4 years old



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rewarding

flexible

career
progression

challenging

training

every day is
different

Working in early years childcare

working with like-
minded people

responsibility

opportunity
to make a
difference

fun

varied



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What qualifications do I need?

- Ideally a level 3 qualification – early years educator
- Can start at level 2 then move onto level 3, then further qualifications or specialise
- Level 2 literacy and numeracy qualifications
- Apprenticeship route available



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Different types of early years and childcare settings

- **Nursery:** All year round and all day for children aged 0-4
- **Pre-school:** Term time only and usually for children aged 2-4
- **School nursery class and reception year class:** Term time only for children aged 2-5
- **Out of school clubs:** Before school, after school and school holidays for children aged 3+
- **Others, including childminding, crèches, nanny, kids' clubs:** Varies



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Career progression in nursery settings

- Practitioners (qualified and unqualified)
- Specialist roles (e.g. SEND, literacy or maths leader)
- Leadership (deputy and manager)
- Further study



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Desired skills and qualities of a childcare worker

- Interested in how children learn
- Willing to undergo training
- Work well with colleagues and parents
- Sufficient understanding and use of English
- Soft skills, such as creativity and imagination



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What should I do next?

- National Careers Service: nationalcareers.service.gov.uk
- Speak to a careers adviser at school
- Local colleges (Portsmouth College, HSDC and Highbury College)
- 'Find an apprenticeship' service: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
- Volunteer in an early years setting
- Job Centre: www.jobcentreguide.co.uk/portsmouth-jobcentre
- Portsmouth City Council childcare vacancies
- Contact the early years team by emailing EYdelivery@portsmouthcc.gov.uk



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