

New Directions College Course Information 2023-24

COURSE:	Diploma in Early Years Practitioner L2
LEVEL:	Level 2
MODE OF DELIVERY:	Classroom Based/Blended Learning/workplace
DURATION:	15 months
ACCREDITED/NON-ACCREDITED:	Accredited
ENTRY REQUIREMENT:	Level 1 Award in Caring for Children or relevant experience (3 to 6 months) in working with children. Learners must be aged 16-18 or 19+ and be working in a paid or unpaid capacity in an Early Years setting, with children between 0 - 5 years. Learners need to have a good level of spoken and written English and Math's (Level 1 or equivalent). Learners also need to have a good basic level of IT/Digital skills.
PROGRESSION:	<p>Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner (England) could lead to the following employment opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early years assistant Primary school assistant Preschool/group assistant Pre-school assistant Childminder assistant Childminder <p>Level 2 Diploma in Early Years Educator or Advanced Apprenticeship programme.</p> <p>Opportunities may also be available to progress to an apprenticeship standard such as Early Years Educator, Senior Healthcare Support Worker (Health and Young People option) or Children Young People and Families Practitioner at level 4.</p>

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

It provides candidates with the knowledge and understanding of working with babies and young children from birth to 7 years and supports the development of the practical and technical skills needed to work with children up to the age of 5 years.

This comprehensive qualification is designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to enhance your interactions with children. Whether you're new to the field or seeking career advancement opportunities in the childcare sector, this program offers an ideal pathway to learn, develop, and practice the necessary skills for employment.

This qualification presents a valuable opportunity to broaden your understanding and enhance your expertise in childcare sector.

Throughout the course, you will benefit from well-structured, engaging, and interactive taught sessions, spread over a period of 35 weeks (academic year). These sessions will cover a wide range of essential topics, equipping you with the necessary knowledge and practical skills required in the childcare sector. Additionally, personalised one-to-one sessions will be available to provide individualised support and assistance whenever needed. You will be taught using a blended learning approach, with predominately classroom-based activities and online resources, where you will be provided with opportunities to develop your skills in, English, maths and ICT.

We expect all participants to demonstrate their commitment by attending all the scheduled taught sessions. By actively engaging in the program, you will maximize your learning experience, develop a strong foundation in childcare, and enhance your career prospects in this rewarding field.

TOPICS COVERED:	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:	KEY DATES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXPLORING ROLES AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN EARLY YEARS SETTINGS • CHILD DEVELOPMENT FROM BIRTH TO 7 YEARS • SAFEGUARDING BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS SETTINGS • PROMOTING WELLBEING IN EARLY YEARS SETTINGS • SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN EARLY YEARS SETTINGS • SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES, PURPOSEFUL PLAY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES • UNDERSTAND HOW TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES 	PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE: OBSERVATIONS, PROFESSIONAL DISCUSSIONS, EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONIES, WORKBOOKS, WORK BASED EVIDENCE	COURSES START IN SEPTEMBER AND JANUARY EACH YEAR
SKILLS TO BE GAINED:	KNOWLEDGE TO BE GAINED:	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:
Working with parents, colleagues and other professionals in early years settings	Supporting health and safety in early years settings Understand how to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities Supporting health and safety in early years settings	CPD
REQUIRED LEARNING MATERIALS:	SUGGESTED READING:	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
		Minimum of 250 placement hours Apprenticeships available for those eligible