

Level 5 Apprenticeship Early Years Lead Practitioner



A pathway to confident leadership

The Level 5 Apprenticeship Early Years Lead Practitioner is designed for experienced early years practitioners who are ready to deepen their professional knowledge and develop leadership skills within early years practice.

Step into the next stage of your career with a programme designed to strengthen your leadership, deepen your pedagogical understanding, and support you to make a powerful impact in early years practice. This apprenticeship blends theory, reflection, and hands-on development to help you grow as a confident and knowledgeable leader.

Build your future in early childhood with Pen Green

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Total duration: 12 months of teaching plus 3 months for End Point Assessment (EPA) - 15 months in total

Entry Requirements

- Must not already hold a Level 5 early years qualification or above
- Level 2 English and maths (e.g., GCSE Grade C/4+, Functional Skills Level 2)
- Level 3 qualification in any subject
- Experienced practitioner with opportunities for leadership responsibilities

Course Content

- Effective Leadership in Early Education, Building Strong Teams
- Designing Inclusive Early Years Curricula: A Child-Centred Approach
- Leading Safeguarding Practice
- Understanding Individual Learning Needs and Diversity in Early Childhood
- Supporting Personal and Social Development in Every Child
- Navigating Key Childcare Legislation and Compliance
- Building Resilience and Emotional Wellbeing in Young Children
- Promoting Cognitive and Language Development in Early Years
- Ensuring Health, Safety and Welfare for Early Years Educators
- Leading with Vision: Inspiring Positive Change in Early Childhood Settings
- Assessment Strategies for Monitoring Progress
- Efficient Resource Management

Assessment

- 12 written assignments
- 2 observed practice assessments
- 6-week case study project
- Portfolio with 20 evidence pieces + 1 witness testimony
- End Point Assessment (EPA): 60-minute observation, 30-minute professional Q&A, 90-minute professional discussion

Teaching & Support

You will receive:

- Regular taught sessions delivered by experienced early years educators
- Independent study guidance
- 1:1 tutorial support throughout the course
- Progress reviews with your employer and tutor

How to apply

For more information and to apply please contact us on apprenticeship@pengreen.org

Or view our website for more information

