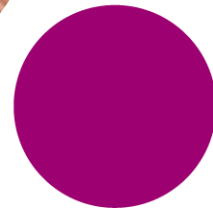




Best  
Practice  
Network

# Early Years Apprenticeship Surgery



# What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a learning programme that allows learners to learn while they earn.



# What is an apprenticeship made up of?

Standard  
(Knowledge, skills  
and behaviours)

Maths and English

Off the job training

Gateway

End point  
assessment

Additional  
qualifications (E.g.  
paediatric first aid)



# What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?



- Provides an opportunity to earn money while you learn
- Develop practical skills in a real work environment.
- Support and mentoring within the workplace
- Career progression: Build a foundation for higher-level qualifications or future job roles.
- Fully funded – learn without incurring student loans or tuition fees
- Gain valuable work experience that stands out to future employers.
- Gain a nationally recognised Qualification
- Develop soft skills, such as communication, team work and problem solving skills

# What will I be doing as an early years apprentice?



- Support children's learning and development
- Assist with planning and delivering activities
- Ensure the safety and well-being of children
- Help with personal care, including feeding and changing
- Follow safeguarding procedures
- Communicate effectively with children, parents, and colleagues
- Maintain a clean and safe environment
- Support the inclusion of all children
- Keep accurate records and observations
- Participate in team meetings and training sessions

# Early Years Level 2 and 3

Early Years Practitioner Level 2	Early Years Educator Level 3
Designed for those who are brand new to an early years setting/ not quite ready for Level 3	Designed for those working in an early years setting with some relevant EY experience
13 months + 3 months end point assessment	15 months + 3 months end point assessment
Functional skills maths and English L1	Functional skills maths and English Level 2
Early Years Practitioner Level 2 diploma must be completed	Paediatric first aid Level 3 must be completed
9 core modules	11 core modules

# How will my apprenticeship be delivered?



Virtual classrooms



Progress reviews every 6 weeks



1-2-1 Tutor Support



Workplace learning



Independent research



BPN boost – personal development, career information advice and guidance and welfare programme



## What do I need to apply?

You must be 16 or over and meet these points to apply.

GCSE English & maths Grade C (4) or above OR able to achieve both on our programme through Functional Skills.

Funding agreed with the apprenticeship account holder. Support is available.

Support from your employer OR support finding an employer.

UK residency for 3+ years.

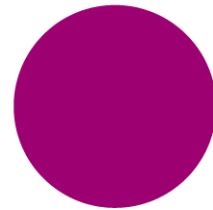




Best  
Practice  
Network



Unplaced Learners



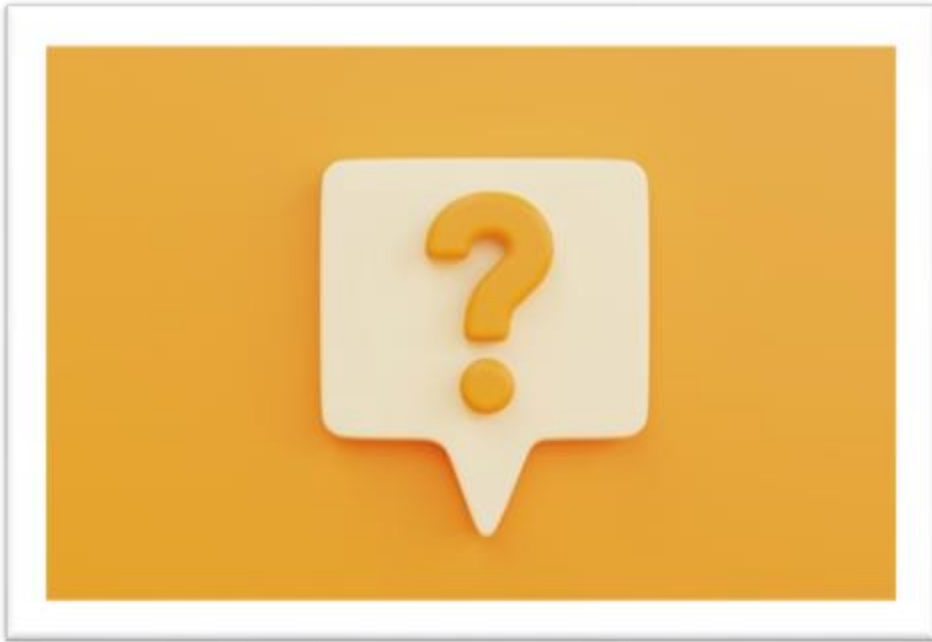
# What is an unplaced learner?

A candidate that has no employer and has applied for an apprenticeship.



# What happens after you apply?

- You will be placed into the unplaced cohort.
- Screening Form/Call.
- Check current vacancies, we will discuss any details with you.
- If there are no vacancies, we will offer support on how to approach local settings.
- CV sent to any vacancies.



# If you are selected...

- Interview at the setting – stay and play/work trial
- Feedback
- We process application on our system.
- Employment checks – References, DBS, ID check
- If you are not successful, we will continue the search for an employer.





# FAQ

- Is it guaranteed you will find me an employer?
  - Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee finding you an employer as this is a competitive market.
- How long will it take to find a vacancy?
  - The duration can vary on locations and available vacancies.
- What support is offered?
  - Best Practice Network have various brochures, interview guidance and support from the Placement Resources.



Best  
Practice  
Network



## Next steps

**Apply by October 13 for November cohort – last one of the year!**

Apply through our website:

<https://www.bestpracticenet.co.uk/early-years>

Any  
questions?

