

MODERN APPRENTICESHIP IN CHILDREN'S CARE, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

What's the aim?

To qualify you as a "childcare practitioner" through achieving SVQ Level 3 in Children's Care, Learning and Development. Childcare practitioner is the up to date term for nursery nurse and is the main position for most staff working in pre-school settings. By achieving CCLD SVQ3 you will meet Scottish Government registration requirements for childcare practitioners, and this is essential if you want to secure permanent employment in this role.

Why become a modern apprentice? Why choose to do a SVQ?

There are other routes to achieving childcare practitioner status, e.g. through a classroom-based course leading to a HNC, but the MA/SVQ route is for you if you think you are suited to learning on the job and you would like to be paid to do so.

Do you have what it takes to join the course?

- Essential: under 20 years old at the start of the course (funding cut-off age).
- Essential: enthusiasm, motivation and staying power.
- Very desirable: relevant work-experience or evidence of other childcare activities.
- Desirable: standard grade English and two other subjects at 3 or above (but don't be put off from applying if you can demonstrate the other requirements).

How to apply for a place

Complete an application form and send it to Training for Care. We will then see if we can match you to a MA vacancy. You can download the form "CCLD3 New Starts MA" from the home page of Tfc's website www.tfcscotland.org.uk, or phone us on 0131 556 7773 and we'll post you a copy.

Also, Tfc and East Lothian Council 16+ Learning Choices have been notifying all suitable workplaces that there is funding available. So

- Look out for vacancies advertised by Careers/Skills Development Scotland.
- If you have had a successful childcare work-experience or built up a relationship with a nursery, after-school club or playgroup, ask them if they would like to take you on (don't be shy – nurseries often tell us that some of their best staff started off with them on work-experience). If they are interested, ask them to contact Tfc.