

# Careers in Childcare

## What is childcare?

Childcare is a highly rewarding career that involves caring for children when parents and other family members are unavailable. As a childcare worker, you will be responsible for servicing children's basic needs, such as bathing and feeding, ensuring the safety and welfare of children at all times. Watching children develop and grow in the early stages of childhood is a very fulfilling career, you will create enrichment activities for children of all ages, helping them learn basic concepts and skills that will shape their future development.

## Do you have the following?

- Good relationships with children
- Maternal/paternal instinct
- Ability to communicate with children
- Caring nature
- Trustworthy personality
- Empathy
- Patience
- Creativity

## What does childcare involve?

- Planning and supervising activities like arts and crafts, music and cooking
- Helping children to learn numeracy and language skills through games
- Creating imaginative, engaging activities to entertain the children
- Observing children and making notes to write reports
- Taking children on outings
- Feeding and changing babies

## What are typical job titles in childcare?

- Childcare Assistant
- Nursery Assistant
- Childminder

## What progression does childcare offer?

A career in childcare provides a versatile skill set that can be applied to other departments for future progression as well as allowing opportunities to progress into higher level childcare and managerial roles such as:

- Nursery Practitioner
- Nursery Manager
- Day care Manager
- Teaching Assistant

## What courses are available?

- Childcare Level 2, 3

## What is a typical salary in childcare?

As an apprentice:  
**£10,000 - £12,000**

After course completion:  
**£12,000 - £16,000**

**Once you have established a career and progressed to a higher level position, salaries exceed this figure depending on the job role.**

## Why choose an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a fantastic way to kick-start your career, allowing you to gain invaluable hands on experience alongside a nationally recognised certificate whilst earning money. At Apprenticeship Connect our apprenticeship courses are designed to teach you the essential skills and knowledge required to excel in your career.

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