

DIRECT PARTNERS

DELIVERING MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS SINCE 2003 ACROSS SCOTLAND - FROM PILLAR TO POST.

EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE OVERVIEW



Course Name, Levels & candidate suitability	<p>Early Years and Childcare SVQ3/SCQF 7</p> <p>For both employed and new staff requiring professional Childcare qualifications in line with SSSC requirements suitable for all.</p>
Course Outline	<p>4 mandatory & 4 optional units. Optional units chosen in line with individual trainee and business needs. Units cover teamwork, effective communication, health and safety, safeguarding development of children, wellbeing and planning for and supporting play.</p>
SVQ Awarding & Regulatory Bodies	<p>Qualification regulated in Scotland by: SQA and SSSC. Candidates will receive certificates on completion of the course.</p>
Course start dates	<p>Flexible start dates available in line with trainee and business needs.</p>
Course Duration	<p>12-18 months. Individual training plans can be adapted on a person by person basis if required.</p>
Candidate places/numbers available	<p>Candidates can be trained from unlimited sites. Candidates can start in small groups and share their learning experience with others or start as an individual - flexible learning available.</p>
Workplace Mentors	<p>Candidates must have a workplace mentor to help them identify evidence and testify to their day to day working practice. Mentors will attend a Mentor Induction session, delivered remotely to discuss their role, impact and support to the trainee.</p>

<p>Delivery & Training Methods</p>	<p>Our SVQ Assessors guide candidates through their learning journey using the following methods: Group workshops - every 6 weeks. 1-1 Remote Video calls - min every 3 weeks. Remote support & portfolio building using Trello – Tasks agreed and set in Trello. Quarterly on site observation. All evidence/work activity is uploaded to Trello where Assessors will discuss, feedback and assess.</p>
<p>Assessment Tools/Portfolio of evidence</p>	<p>All evidence/work activity is uploaded to Trello where Assessors will discuss, feedback and assess. Assessment Tools/Portfolio of evidence Assessment methods include: Guided Discussions / Questions & Answers / Workbook exercise / Research / Witness Testimony /Case Studies / Reflective Accounts / Observations and supporting evidence. Holistic assessment is used. There are no exams. Assessments based on Assessor decisions.</p>
<p>Course Referral Process</p>	<p>Managers can nominate interested staff or individuals can contact us directly to find out more or book a place! Direct Partners will initially assess and 1-1 interview every candidate and final places will be agreed.</p>
<p>Initial Assessment & Approval</p>	<p>Candidates invited to 1-1 remote call to discuss prior learning, current role, nomination and personal learning goals and areas of development. Places on course are confirmed by email and an invite to a remote Course Induction is sent to all participants.</p>
<p>Welcome & Induction</p>	<p>Followed by Introduction to course, team, tools, support and methods of delivery & assessment 2. Practical session – setting up & using Trello (online training & portfolio system)</p>
<p>Trainee Support and progress review</p>	<p>Assessor – Group sessions (remote), 1-1 remote calls, mentoring, coaching & feedback Mentors – Integral to success of the course, will be inducted and can add support and feedback Trainee Progress Reviews – every 12 weeks. Candidate, Mentor & Assessor attend to review progress, highlights and any areas of focus. A record of the meeting will be shared with all parties.</p>

Costs & Funding

SCQF 7/ SVQ 3.	Age Band	SDS Contribution	Employer Contribution	Total Cost
	16-19	£5500	NIL	£5500
	20-24	£2700	NIL	£2700
	25+	£1700	£1000	£2700

Information correct as of February 2023, Subject to change.

Additional Training Options

Direct Partners also deliver funded and part funded qualifications in Play work, Business Admin, Digital Marketing and Management SVQ 3. For more information on frameworks and funding please contact us. Remember Modern Apprenticeship SVQ funding, where available, can be accessed for both new and existing staff!

To take your next steps please get in touch by emailing beverley@directpartners.co.uk or call our office on 07942 359642. We look forward to hearing from you!