

Early Years Speech & Language Support Practitioner Level 5 Apprenticeship

Develop specialist expertise in speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) in the Early Years



“Having completed a number of professional qualifications during my time in education, this is the programme that most clearly impacted my day to day practice.”

- Apprenticeship Graduate

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Introduction

The Early Years Speech & Language Support Practitioner Level 5 Apprenticeship is a specialist development programme for Early Years practitioners and leaders who want to strengthen their expertise in supporting children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

Delivered by Best Practice Network in partnership with Speech and Language Link, the programme combines Best Practice Network's expertise in designing and delivering high-quality apprenticeships with Speech and Language Link's specialist knowledge of speech, language and communication.

Built on the Early Years Lead Practitioner Level 5 apprenticeship standard, the programme supports staff to identify needs early, adapt setting practice and improve outcomes for children.

Who should apply?

This apprenticeship is suitable for Early Years practitioners who want to develop specialist expertise in speech, language and communication, particularly those supporting children with additional needs.

Example roles include:

- Early Years Room Leader
- Early Years Lead Practitioner
- Early Years Educator
- Early Years Senior Practitioner
- Early Years SENCO

Programme content

- ✓ **Module 1:** What is SLCN (speech, language and communication needs)?
- ✓ **Module 2:** Development of speech and language skills (typical development).
- ✓ **Module 3:** Creating a communication supportive environment in the Early Years setting.
- ✓ **Module 4:** Identifying SLCN and taking action.

The above four modules are delivered in addition to the Early Years Lead Practitioner apprenticeship standard, providing additional expertise in speech, language and communication.

Programme structure



"I am very grateful to my programme tutor for their advice and support throughout the course."

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Benefits

- ✓ Develop specialist expertise in speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)
- ✓ Learn from both apprenticeship specialists and speech and language experts
- ✓ Benefit from input from qualified speech and language therapists
- ✓ Strengthen safeguarding practice and confidence
- ✓ Apply practical, evidence-informed strategies in your setting
- ✓ Identify and support children with communication needs more effectively
- ✓ Improve children's participation, understanding and progress
- ✓ Build a portfolio of evidence demonstrating real impact in your setting

Eligibility

To be eligible, participants must:

- Be currently employed in an Early Years setting
- Have employer support to complete the programme
- Be able to apply learning in their role and complete workplace activities
- Have the right to work and study in England

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Course duration
Up to 21 months



This course awards
Speech & Language Link
Certification & Early Years
Lead Practitioner Level 5



Access to
Online learning and
training events



**Apprenticeship Levy
Funding**
Fully-funded through the
Apprenticeship Levy

£0 with Apprenticeship
Levy funding

~~£9,000~~

Build expertise that makes a difference every day

Equip yourself and your setting with the knowledge and practical strategies to support children with SLCN, helping them access learning, participate fully and achieve their potential.



Learn more and register at

bestpracticenet.co.uk/early-years-speech-and-language-support-practitioner

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