**Qualifications and career progression**

The table below outlines some of the accredited training you might consider undertaking as you progress your career.

| **Level** | **Example Job Roles** | **Qualifications** |
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| **Level 1** – an introduction to caring for children | Unqualified Nursery Assistant | Level 1 Diploma Caring for Children |
| **Level 2** – for front line practitioners working under supervision | Nursery AssistantPre-school AssistantNannyTeaching AssistantPlaywork Assistant | Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People’s WorkforceLevel 2 Certificate in Playwork |
| **Level 3** – for front line practitioners with experience or working at a supervisory level | Nursery or Pre School Supervisor / Manager / DeputyNursery PractitionerEarly Years Assessor / TutorDevelopment WorkerChildminderHealth Visitors AssistantNannyHigher Level Teaching AssistantPlayworker | Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People’s WorkforceLevel 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce (Early Years Educator)Level 3 Diploma in Early Years Education & Care (Early Years Educator)Level 3 Diploma in Playwork |
| **Level 5** – For experienced practitioners with responsibility for planning and delivery of services | Nursery ManagerNursery PractitionerArea ManagerEarly Years Assessor / TutorDevelopment WorkerChildminderNanny | Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health & Social Care and Children & Young People’s ServicesEarly Years Foundation Degree |
| **Level 6** – Graduate / Degree Qualifications – For practitioners in senior positions, lead/professional roles | Early Years Assessor / TutorNursery ManagerNursery PractitionerArea ManagerLocal Authority WorkerChildminderDevelopment Worker | Early Childhood Studies BA (Hons) DegreeQualified Teachers Status in Early YearsCert Ed Post 16 |