

Working in childcare and teaching

Working in teaching and childcare can be a rewarding and enjoyable career. You can help children develop and learn but you also get to enjoy playing and having fun with them. There are many opportunities available in schools, children centres, nurseries, play groups, hospitals, community settings or in your own home. You can work full time or part time and in a range of roles, including:

- babysitter
- child minder
- learning support
- nursery assistant
- out of school club assistant
- playgroup leader
- teacher

There are lots of options!



The work is varied and you will be involved in taking care of children's needs, helping them to develop their social skills, as well as learn about themselves and the world around them. Your role will also include working with parents and carers. Depending on the area you want to work in, there's a range of different qualifications to choose from and you can study part-time or train on the job.

English and maths will be important in order to talk to parents and staff, attend meetings, write reports and use rotas. Your role will also include reading stories, playing counting and number games to build children's confidence in literacy and numeracy skills.

For information about working in **childcare**, go to the Working in early years page on the **Children's Workforce Development Council** website www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/early-years/childcare-careers.

For information on **teaching**, go to the Get into teaching page on the **tda** website www.tda.gov.uk/get-into-teaching.aspx.