

# Nursery worker

Nursery workers help babies and children up to 5 years old to develop and learn in a safe and supportive setting.

Average salary (a year)



£14,500

Starter

£23,000

Experienced

Typical hours (a week)



37 to 40

a week

You could work



between 8am and 6pm

on a rota

## Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role
- volunteering
- applying directly

## Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- sensitivity and understanding
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to work well with others
- to be flexible and open to change
- excellent verbal communication skills
- customer service skills
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- active listening skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

## Day-to-day tasks

As a nursery worker you will:

- plan and supervise activities like arts and crafts, music and cooking
- help children to learn numeracy and language skills through games, singing and story telling
- take children on outings
- feed and change babies
- keep indoor and outdoor work areas clean and safe
- record children's development and share with parents, carers and other staff

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