

# Childcare



Childcare is the care and supervision of \_\_\_\_\_ from several months old to teenagers. Nursery assistants and child minders work with children under five, but in different places. Nursery assistants work in creches and \_\_\_\_\_ and child minders look after two or three children in the minders' homes. Nannies also look after children but of different ages and in the children's own \_\_\_\_\_; they may even live with a family.

Young children, particularly, learn through playing. So, to \_\_\_\_\_ them with this, childcare often involves singing, role play and storytelling. Childcare workers may also plan and supervise \_\_\_\_\_ such as arts and crafts and cooking and help children to \_\_\_\_\_ maths and language skills through games. Feeding children is also important and babies need changing.

Everyone who works with children needs to be sensitive, \_\_\_\_\_ and patient. They also need to stay calm in stressful \_\_\_\_\_ and to be flexible. Excellent communication skills and being able to listen well are necessary too. As with many jobs, good \_\_\_\_\_, literacy and IT skills are also very \_\_\_\_\_.

You can become a nursery assistant in \_\_\_\_\_ ways. You can \_\_\_\_\_ to get experience, take up an apprenticeship or take a college \_\_\_\_\_. All Ofsted registered childminders must be registered, hold a first aid \_\_\_\_\_, be DBS checked and complete an introductory childcare certificate. Nannies need \_\_\_\_\_ of working with children and qualifications in childcare.

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understanding

homes

course

different

experience

children

certificate

nurseries

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important

help

learn

maths

activities

situations

