

THIS WEEK'S STAFF MEMBER CAREER HISTORY (14-20 Sept. 2020)

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What job did you want to do when you were in primary school? **Army or Childcare**

There are 3 types of childcare workers: childminders and nannies, who care for babies, toddlers and children in their own homes, supporting their learning and development, and nursery workers who work in a dedicated childcare establishment.

Childminders

The government's Childcare and Early Years Provider 2016 survey found that, on average, childminders make £16,800 a year. These are self-employed, setting up a business in their own home. You'll need to register with Ofsted. For this, you'll usually need:

- a home-based childcare course approved by your local council that covers the Early Years Foundation Stage framework
- a paediatric first aid course
- child protection training
- a food safety qualification

You may have to do a basic skills test to show that you have the minimum standard of English and maths needed to support the educational development of children in your care.

You'll also need to pass an assessment of your home and any equipment you will use.

Nannies

The average hourly pay for a nanny in United Kingdom is £10.10. These work in the home of the child/ren they look after.

You may find it easier to become a nanny if you have a college qualification like:

- Level 1 Award in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings
- Level 2 Certificate for the Children and Young People's Workforce

You could do an intermediate apprenticeship in playwork or in the children and young people's workforce. (You'll need some GCSEs, usually including English and maths for an intermediate apprenticeship.) You may be able to start work as a nanny without any qualifications, though many employers and employment agencies will prefer you to have some training in playwork or childcare or, at least, some experience of looking after children.

Nursery Workers

The average Unqualified Nursery Assistant salary in United Kingdom is £17,500 per year or £8.97 per hour. Entry level positions start at £14,625 per year while most experienced workers make up to £29,750 per year. You can work as a nursery assistant and learn on the job. You'll usually need GCSEs in maths and English to start. Experience of working with young children will also help. You could also do the college courses / apprenticeships listed for nannies.

What job did you have in mind when you took your options? **Linguist in the Army**

Basic salaries start from £17,000 plus benefits whilst training to £28,000 once trained plus benefits varied depending upon the role.

Role Options:

- Regular roles
- Soldier roles
- Priority roles

- Reservist roles
- Officer roles
- Specialist roles

Job Type:

- Combat
- Engineering
- HR and Finance
- Intelligence, IT and Communications
- Logistics and Support
- Medical
- Music and Ceremonial

Basic Eligibility

- You must be a UK, Republic of Ireland or Commonwealth citizen holder of dual UK/Other nationality or have been a commonwealth citizen since birth.
- Aged 16 to 35 for the majority of roles.
- You need to meet the health and fitness criteria.
- Pass any tests and interviews depending upon the role.
- Apprenticeships are available on many roles.

Current job: Attendance Officer

Attendance Officers track student attendances and enforce rules about truancy, which vary according to each school's guidelines and local laws. They sometimes even track down specific students who have a habit of missing school.

Attendance Officers carry out school policies and administer attendance rules. They may also confer with parents on daily absences. They need to be able to find solutions to cases of

extended absences for a student. They sometimes need to visit the student and his or her parental figure in person to investigate cases of long-term or frequent absences. An early career Attendance Officer with 1-4 years of experience earns an average of £17,323, but this will depend on the number of hours worked.

Qualifications required:

There are no set requirements for this role, although you can expect an employer to look for:

- experience working with children or young people
- good IT / administration / communication skills
- GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 in English and maths
- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent

Previous jobs: Army, Teaching Assistant, Nurture Therapist Assistant, Attendance Officer