

# Nanny

Nannies work in private homes caring for their employer's babies and young children.

**Salary:** £15,000 to £50,000 average per year

**Hours:** 60 to 72 per week

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## 1. Entry requirements

There are no set entry requirements, but you may find it easier to become a nanny if you have a college qualification in childcare.

Many courses include a placement. If not, it will help if you've gained voluntary experience working with children.

You'll need to be aged 18 or over.

You'll also need an [enhanced background check](#) which your employer will arrange for you.

## 2. Skills required

You'll need:

- the ability to make close and trusting relationships with parents and children
- a good imagination to plan activities that are fun and help development
- the ability to cope with unexpected situations
- the ability to stay calm under pressure
- lots of energy and stamina

## 3. What you'll do

You'll look after babies, very young children, older children or a mix of age groups. You may work as a maternity nanny, helping families care for newborn babies during the first few weeks.

Your day-to-day duties might include:

- feeding, bathing and dressing children, and changing nappies
- teaching basic social skills and hygiene
- providing a safe environment

- helping children to learn through play
- going out with children to widen their experiences
- doing nursery and school runs
- planning interesting things to do
- taking children to medical appointments and other activities
- organising play opportunities to help children mix with others
- preparing healthy meals and snacks
- tidying up and cleaning rooms used by the children
- record-keeping for the family

## 4. Salary

Starter: £15,000 to £20,000

Experienced: up to £26,000

Highly Experienced: £30,000 to £50,000

Salary will vary depending on location, qualifications, and whether you're employed directly by a family or through an agency.

Live-in nannies may receive lower salaries, but may not have to pay for accommodation.

These figures are a guide.

## 5. Working hours, patterns and environment

You'll work in a household for up to 12 hours a day, 5 to 6 days a week. You may be expected to provide babysitting services.

You could be a live-in nanny staying with a family in their home, or a live-out nanny travelling to them every day.

## 6. Career path and progression

With qualifications and experience, you could move into childminding or nursery work.

With further training, you could become a children's nurse or early years teacher.

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