

# Babysitter vs. Nanny

Provides supervision and custodial care on a part-time or as-needed basis	A childcare professional who acts in a 'full charge' capacity, often for extended periods. Can be full-or part-time, live-in or live-out
No special training and often limited experience but is playful and can often supervise or help with homework	A deep understanding of each individual child and the ability to meet their physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs. He or She ideally has specialized childcare training.
Provides care, safety and fun to the children, usually for short periods of time with detailed instruction	Provides support to a family as a loving, nurturing, trustworthy companion and advisor
Can be certified in First Aid and CPR	Practiced in First Aid/ CPR/ AED, often in advanced levels of emergency care/ formal training/ degree in early childhood education or special needs training
Follows simple, basic directions given by the parents	Provides customized care and possesses excellent judgement for on-the-spot decision making
Prepares very simple lite meals and snacks, heats up dinner, orders in, etc.	Encourages healthy, nutritious eating habits. Shops, plans and prepares meals in line with parent's preferences around diet and nutrition
Will load the dishwasher and pick up toys & children's play areas when requested	Proactively maintains and organizes all child related items and spaces e.g. laundry, clothing and closet care, personal shopping, school related items and errands
×	Assists with scheduling and maintaining calendars
×	Implements leaning into daily activities, recognizes and acts on teachable moments
×	Researches age appropriate activities, classes and local events
×	Promotes table manner, social graces, reinforces ethical and moral standards of the family, acts as a role model
×	Helps schedule and coordinate play dates, birthday parties, outings
Relays the day's events	Communicates with parents regularly on best practices and ways to adapt and improve herself and the children
Mother's helper, au pair	Specialty nannies include Newborn Care Specialists (NCS), sleep trainers, temp and travel nannies, multiple specialists, credentialed nannies and governesses
Thinks through the end of their shift	Thinks 'big picture'