

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PLAYWORK

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Who is it for?

The Level 2 Diploma in Playwork is aimed at staff working directly with children and young people in a setting whose main purpose is to provide them with opportunities for freely chosen, self-directed play. These staff do not have full responsibility for the play environment but make a significant contribution to supporting play.

What is the structure?

You must achieve 61 credits from 12 mandatory units and a further 16 from the optional units. The mandatory units are:

- Playwork Principles
- The play environment
- Supporting Children and Young People's play
- Relationships in the play environment
- Health and safety in the play environment
- Safeguarding and welfare in the play environment
- Developing own Playwork and Team Practice
- Support children and young people's positive behaviour
- Contribute to the support of positive environments
- Reflective playwork practice
- Support relationships in the play environment
- Work with children and young people to create play spaces and support freely chosen self-directed play

Where will it take me?

You can take additional optional units as professional development or progress to a Level 3 Diploma. Completing the qualifications could also lead to a role as a:

- Playworker
- Childminder
- Holiday representative/centre worker/manager
- Leisure centre assistant or manager
- Play therapist
- School lunchtime supervisor
- Youth and community worker



How is it delivered?

You will be assigned a personal assessor – an experienced practitioner who is there to help and guide you. You will build up evidence to of what you know, and what you can do: this will be stored in a web based e-portfolio, which you and your assessor can access at any time.

You will develop your knowledge through studying a mixture of printed and online resources and attending webinars: your assessor will test your knowledge by setting you a variety of tasks. Your assessor will also visit you at work to carry out and record observations of your practice.

How long does it take?

There is no fixed time – it depends on how committed you are and how easily we can carry out observations. Nine months to a year is typical but, if you are doing this qualification as part of an apprenticeship, please note that there is a minimum duration of one year.

What funding is available?

If you are employed for at least 16 hours per week and are able to achieve functional skills at Level 1 in maths and English, we can deliver your qualification free through an apprenticeship. If you prefer, you can take GCSE maths and English as an alternative to functional skills.

If you are unemployed and receiving state benefits, or if you are aged under 24 and don't already have any qualification at Level 2 or above (including 5 grade C GCSEs), the qualification can also be delivered free of charge – although you will need to have a work placement which allows us sufficient time, over a period, to observe you at work.

In other circumstances we will have to charge but we can generally access part funding for learners under 24 or those employed in small businesses.

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