

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS

City & Guilds qualification number 5329-21

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Who is it for?

The Level 2 Certificate is relevant across the whole of the Children and Young People's Workforce. It is mainly seen as a bridge towards the Level 3 Diploma and is probably right for you if you are already working in a school and want a qualification that proves your skills and helps you develop your career.

What is the structure?

You must achieve 30 credits; 24 from nine mandatory units and a further six from two groups of optional units. The mandatory units are:

- Child and young person development
- Safeguarding the welfare of children and young people
- Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults
- Equality, diversity and inclusion in work
- Help improve own and team practice in schools
- Maintain and support relationships with children and young people
- Support health and safety
- Support positive behaviour
- Support learning activities

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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, English and ICT, 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.

