

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN YOUTH WORK PRACTICE

City & Guilds qualification number 9268-33
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Who is it for?

The qualification is aimed at anyone interested in working with young people in a youth work setting or in becoming a youth and community worker.

This level is ideal if you are a professional or voluntary youth worker with good technical skills and knowledge. You work with minimum supervision and have a good record of safety, fault correction and ensuring that work meets the required standard.

What is the structure?

You must achieve a minimum of 44 credits; 32 from four mandatory units and a further 12 from the optional units. The mandatory units are:

- Understanding youth work principles and practice
- Understanding intervention strategies in youth work
- Understanding principles, knowledge and skills in work-based practice in youth work
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Where will it take me?

Candidates may be able to progress to professional and degree level qualifications in the area of Youth work practice – advice on this must be sought from the university or higher education institution in which the candidate wishes to study.

Candidates may also wish to progress to other related qualifications at the same level eg Learning and Development or Playwork.

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. 12 to 15 months 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 GCSE grade C in maths and English, we should be able to deliver your diploma free, normally through an apprenticeship. If not, we can still deliver the qualification free if you are receiving state benefits or if you do not already have any qualification at Level 3 or above (which includes 2 A levels).

In other circumstances we will have to charge but we can generally access part funding. If you are 24 or over you may be eligible for a government loan which will cover the full amount and requires no repayment until your annual income reaches £21,000. You will find full details of the loans system and application process on our website.

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