

LEVEL 4 CERTIFICATE IN PLAYWORK

City & Guilds qualification number 4964-06

Qualification accreditation number 600/4889/X

Who is it for?

This qualification has been developed specifically for learners who might be employed as:

- Supervisors/managers of playwork settings
- Playwork development officers (usually LA)

It is also suitable for experienced playworkers whose roles require them to develop, lead and review temporary or permanent playwork provisions.

What is the structure?

You must achieve 36 credits from 6 mandatory units, which are:

- Engage in personal development in health, social care or settings of children and young people
- Understand the principles and theories underpinning playwork provision
- Understand how to work with colleagues and other key partners to develop an organisational framework for play
- Understand how to establish and develop working relationships to support play
- Understand how to develop, manage and review operational plans for play provision
- Understand how to research design and facilitate possibilities for self-directed play

Where will it take me?

You can take additional qualifications including:

- Generic management qualifications
- PTTLs
- Foundation degree/degree

The qualification will also provide experienced playworkers with the relevant knowledge and skills to progress into employment as:

- Managers of playwork settings
- Playwork development officers
- Trainers/lecturers

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?

You may be able to access funding for this qualification via a higher apprenticeship. Alternatively if you are aged 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.

