

LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA IN PLAYWORK

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Who is it for?

This qualification has been developed specifically for learners who, as experienced playworkers, are developing, leading and reviewing permanent or temporary play provision within a changing environment. It assesses the knowledge and skills necessary to develop, lead and review play provision, within an analytical and reflective construct. Candidates must understand and apply the Playwork Principles in order to develop and implement an organisational framework for children and young people's play.

What is the structure?

You must achieve 60 credits respectively from ten mandatory units, which are:

- Engage in personal development in HSC or CYP settings
- Understand the principles and theories underpinning playwork provision
- Understand how to work with colleagues and other key partners to develop an organisational framework for children and young people's play
- Understand how to establish and develop working relationships to support children and young people's play
- Understand how to develop, manage and review operational plans for play provision
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Where will it take me?

This qualification may enable learners to progress into employment as:

- managers of playwork settings
- playwork development officers
- trainers/lecturers

or into generic management qualifications or higher education.

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 and will also visit you regularly in the workplace to observe 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 18 months is typical.

What funding is available?

Because this is a level 5 qualification no government funding or loans are available.



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